



28 March 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The first term holidays are upon us and I encourage all members of our Marymede Community to reflect upon the significance of Easter during Holy Week.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are important for all Christians, bringing hope and meaning to our lives as we reflect on Christ's example of how to live in the light of His sacrifice. Jesus offers forgiveness and hope of eternal life. It is a time to reconnect to Him and His teachings.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 28/3

These interviews for both Primary and Secondary School start today from 4.00pm to 7.00pm and continue on Monday 16 April from 1.00pm-7.00pm.

I urge parents, if you have not already done so, to make a booking to meet with your child's teacher(s). It is important that students attend the interviews with their parents so that they can be involved in discussions regarding their progress.

Year 7 Camp

Last Thursday, I attended the Year 7 Camp which was held at Camp Marysville. I was most impressed with the way our students were prepared to take on the physical challenges which were asked of them. A big thank you to Mr. Anthony Montemurro and the staff who attended for giving of their time to support our students.

My hope as always is that our students have returned from the camp as a tighter knit cohort.

SACCSS Swimming Carnival

Yesterday our Secondary Swimming Team competed in the SACCSS Swimming Carnival, Division 1, which was held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. I congratulate all of our

students who competed and thank their coaches Ms Tammy Barton, Mrs Carmel Delzoppo, Ms Kristina Karaula, Mr. Maurice Di Muzio and Mr. Liam McCormack for their commitment to the weekly training sessions.

Winter Uniform

Given our relatively early start to Term 2, I am happy to delay the wearing of the full winter uniform until Monday 23 April.

Student Grooming

During the holidays, some students may choose to experiment with hair colours and styles. I ask parents to please ensure that your children return next term with their hair meeting the grooming standards which were outlined in my first Newsletter of the year. I thank you for your support.

Staff News

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Anthony Montemurro and his family on the sudden passing of his Mother in the early hours of last Monday morning. May she rest in eternal peace.

Term 1

Reflecting back on a busy Term 1, I congratulate staff and the vast majority of students for the way they have begun the 2018 school year.

I trust that all our students are enjoying their time at school and that our upper primary and secondary students in particular have by now established good study patterns at home.

Our Years 11 and 12 students have the opportunity over the holidays to evaluate what has been achieved and if necessary, put in place strategies to improve.

The college will close for the first term holidays tomorrow at 4.30pm. Classes resume on Tuesday 17 April and the next Newsletter will be available in the first week of Term 2.

I wish all members of our Marymede Community an enjoyable vacation.

Kind Regards,
Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Draft Learning & Teaching Charter

As part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement in our learning and teaching program at Marymede Catholic College, our primary and secondary learning and teaching teams have contributed to developing a charter that tries to capture in words the College's unique philosophy, approach and vision for learning for our students from P-12.

The draft charter below is very much a work in progress and we would value the input from parents, students and staff before the final version of the charter is ratified and published on the College website. If you have comments or suggestions that you would like to make, please feel free to email them through to tracey.kift@marymede.vic.edu.au

MMCC Learning and Teaching Charter

The MMCC Mission and Vision aspires, in the way of Mary, to give students a passion for life, a love of learning and a determination to be of service to others.

As a P-12 Catholic College, Marymede seeks to provide a complete education that nurtures personal growth and academic, social and spiritual development from early learning through to adulthood. To achieve this, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers, and to provide responsive learning tailored to the ages and stages of each child.

Learning at Marymede is characterised by: a breadth of opportunities catering to the diverse talents, interests and skills of learners; a stimulating learning environment that supports deep learning and thinking; and rich relationships that foster the strong sense of belonging, trust and confidence integral to learning.

We strive to ensure Marymede graduates:

- are ethical, compassionate, socially-responsible and outward looking;
- are confident, resilient, calculated risk-takers who utilise their potential;
- are adaptive, proactive and empowered learners;
- are reflective, creative and curious.

We strive to ensure Marymede teachers and support staff:

- value each individual student and embody the values of justice, service and respect;
- model a commitment to lifelong learning, excellence and innovation;

- provide dynamic, purposeful, differentiated and engaging learning experiences that are responsive to students' learning needs;
- foster a culture of rich communication with students and parents that supports and maximises growth.

Ms. Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

Easter Message

Pope Francis reminds us to 'Come back to the Lord with all your heart during Holy Week.'

One of the most significant liturgical events we celebrate as a Catholic College is Holy Week. Together students have been reflecting on the season on Lent with a particular focus on the events of Holy Week through daily prayer, discussions during Religious Education classes and participation in our annual Lenten Liturgy which was celebrated by students from Prep to Year 12.

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. This year we celebrate Easter this coming Sunday April 1. Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

We pray that our College community receive joy with coming of Christ resurrection.

Philippines Immersion Tour 2018:

It is with great pleasure that we have invited our current Year 10 and Year 11 students to take part in the 2018 Philippines Immersion Trip.

In 2017, Marymede Catholic College saw some remarkable Year 11 students and staff embark on our life changing Immersion Tour to the Philippines. The immersion trip was truly a life changing experience to all those involved.

Some student's thoughts after the trip:

"The only way to see a person's pain is to live it yourself. We tried learning the people's views and holding up signs of support. It is a country of hardship and corruption, yet we miss it already. This was an experience like no other that will change us for the better." - Tye Jackson

"Going to the Philippines is a once in a lifetime experience which will not be forgotten. It taught me so much about life and different cultures." - Jessica Jacobs

"My journey to the Philippines is one I will never forget; meeting people who have gone through unexplainable hardship and seeing their resilience was inspiring." - James Manoussakis

"This trip has been one of the best experiences of my life; one I will cherish and always remember. We have all come to realise what truly matters, 'We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give'." - Beth Dislakis

As a College we see the value and opportunity this experience offers the students and support it whole heartedly.

Early in Term 2 we will invite families and students to join with us in an information evening about the upcoming 2018 Marymede Immersion Trip. As a family you will have the opportunity to hear firsthand the experience from our students, see how this is a truly life giving experience, find out more about the activities the students will be involved in and most importantly ask questions.

If you have any questions regarding the immersion, please feel free to contact Mrs Melinda Muir at melinda.muir@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mrs Melinda Muir

Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Primary Update

This term has certainly been quite busy and productive as we have worked tirelessly to encourage students to embrace the task of developing new friendships, interests, strategies, skills and understandings in many areas of the curriculum and in their daily life. In walking around the school and visiting classrooms, it is pleasing to see the obvious joy with which children approach their learning.

Just to offer a small snapshot of the highlights:

- The Preps have completed a whole term of learning and socialising, and of developing their independence and resilience. We have seen growth already in the things they can do for themselves, including walking into the building, carrying their own bag and unpacking the things they need for learning. Well done Year Prep.
- Year 1 has been busy learning about people in our community who help us. They have had enriching opportunities to be visited by Ambulance Victoria and the CFA. They even interviewed me about my role in the school. They asked me lots of very interesting questions, including my favourite restaurant, which car I like and of course, my age. Thank you to Year 1 on giving me the opportunity to engage with you all in such and enjoyable way.
- Year 2 have experienced some great learning and socialising as they continue to develop ways of getting to know others. They are working hard on their friendship groups whilst outside at recess and lunch. Well done to Year 2 on making Marymede a great place to learn and to play together.
- Year 3 have embraced the rotation subjects at their year level and are well on their way to settling into great routines for transitioning from one subject to another. Well done to the Year 3 students and their teachers for making this change so effectively.
- Congratulations to Year 4 on transitioning into Year 4 with enthusiasm and optimism. They have enjoyed participating in activities across all areas of the

curriculum and have enjoyed applying the Habits of Mind to their learning.

- Year 5 celebrated a class mass with Father John Murphy, our College chaplain. I was pleased to see many of our parents attend to celebrate with the Year level. Thank to Year 5 on their reverent and respectful participation in Mass.
- Congratulations to the Year 6 students for the mature and dedicated way in which they have approached their learning this term. I have watched many of these students grow from very young children into fine young adolescents who we can all be very proud of. They are also great role models for all our students, especially for the Year 5 students who will shortly be following in their footsteps.

Some Friendly Reminders

- The holidays offer the opportunity to get winter uniforms ready for Term 2. I ask that parents ensure that students are wearing correct school socks with each of their uniforms and that any haircuts adhere to school guidelines.
- We remind parents who are entering the school to pick up children in the afternoon to be mindful of not walking through the Sports lessons (including games and matches) that are taking place.
- If your child is having friendship issues with another child at the school, please contact their core teacher first as they are best placed to follow up the issue in the first instance. It is never appropriate or acceptable for parents to confront another child or parent about a friendship issue.

As always, I thank the staff for all that they do in ensuring your children are safe, well looked after and consistently engaged in a contemporary, innovative and creative curriculum.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and sincerely hope that the time you spend with your families over the holidays brings you much happiness.

Mrs. Rosemary Bennett

Director of Primary

STUDENT WELLBEING

Wellbeing Element: Relationships and Optimism Wellbeing Builder: Active Constructive Responding (ACR)

Due to electronic devices, there has been a significant decline in face to face conversations over the last decade with students' skills in interpreting and sending appropriate body language messages reduced. This leads to a key social-emotional resilience skill, showing empathy, being adversely affected. Consequently, the building of high quality relationships suffers.

Showing empathy has been the social glue that has enabled communities to thrive and flourish for centuries.

To develop students' self-awareness of how to overcome this:

- they need learn how to use active constructive responding in the face to face conversations they have
- it is about enthusiastically encouraging others to share their stories and asking tell me more
- doing this, fills both of you with uplifting spirals of positive emotions
- it is the only proven way of listening and responding which builds relationships
- an important aspect to emphasise is aiming to say five positives for every negative

Other ways of listening and responding which have an adverse effect on relationships include:

- passive constructive: listening respectfully, but without any interest, energy or enthusiasm
- passive destructive: showing little interest in listening to them to learn their story
- active destructive: dismissing their story with disrespectful body language and changing the subject.

Home Task

As a family each of you write down on a post-it note what worries and troubles you and place them in a bowl. Each person randomly picks one out and reads it to the group. What feelings do you experience? Practice Active Constructive Responding with your family as you complete this task.

Parent Wellbeing

Failing well, accepting that mistakes are part of life, forgiving yourself for making them and learning new approaches from them are valuable skills to develop. Describe a time you have done these to succeed.

Positive Education

Active Constructive Responding (ACR) is when listening to someone sharing their good news with you:

- you listen enthusiastically, make eye contact and use positive gestures so that they feel valued
- they know that you think they matter
- they have an opportunity to relive their positive emotions while telling you their story
- asking them to tell you more creates further positive feelings

Active constructive responding is the best way to build relationships.

See the flyer below for more positive education tips to develop your wellbeing.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." John Quincy

Mrs Nicole Pegler
Wellbeing Coordinator
Prep-6

Mr Anthony Montemurro
Director of
Secondary

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Creative Writing Program for 2018

We are pleased to announce the commencement of a Year 7 – 12 Creative Writing Program for 2018, at the beginning of Term 2.

We would like to invite parents to nominate their children for this program, assuming their children have an excellent talent in English writing and are keen to be productive writers. Once a nomination from a parent is made, we will then consult with the students' English teacher for final approval.

The Creative Writing Program will be an extra-curricular activity. It will take place every Wednesday from 3:20pm to 4:30 pm and it will run for the rest of the year.

Students will be taught the art of writing prose and poetry. It will be taught by Mr John Milides, who has a rich experience in teaching Creative Writing. Professional writers may be also invited to teach the students.

The students' writing will be published by Marymede Catholic College and presented at a special evening for parents.

Nominations or enquiries can be made directly to Mr Milides, at john.milides@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mr John Milides
Mathematics and Creative Writing Teacher

Secondary House Cross Country 2018

On Tuesday March 13, March students in the secondary school participated in the House Cross Country event. Individual results were;

Year 7 Girls		Year 7 Boys	
1st Place – Sienna Murphy		1st Place – Matthew Sabatino	
2nd Place - Stephanie Camacho		2nd Place – Brodie Scrimizzi	
3rd Place – Maddison Stojkovska		3rd Place – Joel Harris	
Year 8 Boys		Year 8 Girls	
1st Place – Damian Trenevski		1st Place – Isabelle Spiteri	
2nd Place -Lachlan Rain		2nd Place – Taylah Scrimizzi	
3rd Place – Adrian Mallardi		3rd Place – Jisele Brancaleone	
Year 9 Girls		Year 9 Boys	
1st Place – Micaela Bianco		1st Place – Jake Mitkovski	
2nd Place – Lizzie Xerri		2nd Place – Deon Roumeliotis	

Year 9 Girls	Year 9 Boys
3rd Place – Victoria Kyriazis	3rd place – Daniel Cincotta

Year 10 Girls	Year 10 Boys
1st Place – Indiana Bodley	1st Place – Jack Bowlen
2nd Place – Grace Dove	2nd Place – Jordan D’Souza
	3rd Place – Jack Dove

Year 11 Girls	Year 11 Boys
1st Place – Emma Crisp	1st Place - James Traianou
2nd Place – Davita Singh	2nd Place - Jackson Mansell
3rd Place Brooke McCormack	3rd Place – Reuben Hayes

Year 12 Girls	Year 12 Boys
1st Place – Samantha Gaunder	1st Place – Kyel McMillan
	2nd Place – Joseph Bianco
	3rd Place – Shiva Nagpur

Congratulations to all students placing in the top three and to every student who represented their house. The house results were;

- 1st Marcellin** – 344 points
- 2nd Chisholm** – 269 points
- 3rd Romero** – 246 points
- 4th McAuley** – 208 points
- 5th Chanel** – 196 points
- 6th McCormack** – 143 points

Mrs Annmarie O’Hare
Head of Sport

‘Xanadu’ Tickets - Selling out!

‘Xanadu’ follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, 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 Kira falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation, and chaos abounds.

The score retains the hits from the film and also includes new arrangements by Eric Stern of "I'm Alive," "Magic," "Suddenly," and "Dancin’"

Tickets are now on sale via TryBooking:

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

Book your tickets now, as Friday, 25 and Saturday, 26 May are almost sold out! Best seats available on Thursday, 24 May.

‘Xanadu’ Backstage Crew T-Shirts:

All crew members have the option of purchasing a 'Xanadu' tee shirt.



Tee shirts are \$25 each.

The tee shirt may be worn to rehearsals (we estimate they will be ready for the start of Term 2) and to school with the PE uniform through the production week 21– 26 May.

The tee shirt is not a compulsory item. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, please bring the \$25 to Mr. Jai Cameron in PA06 in the first week of term 2.



Mr Jai Cameron
Co-Producer of Xanadu
Secondary Performing Arts and Music Assistant

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Education News - Primary

This term in the Primary School, we have seen a lot of events take place in relation to our Religious Education program.

First, we had the Family Workshops for students that will be taking part in the Sacrament of Confirmation. These sessions sought to refresh the memories of Parents and Sponsors as to the purpose of this important Sacrament, and to prepare the students who will be taking the Sacrament. This culminated in a Reflection Day on Monday, March 26, through which students continued to reflect and grow in their journey towards Confirmation. Families and students have been very engaged and supportive during this process and we thank them for this. We look forward to the celebration of this Sacrament on Sunday, April 29, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. We have also included for your information, the Sacrament dates for the First Reconciliation and the First Eucharist.

As we are now fortunate to have Fr. John Murphy with us as our College Chaplain, the Year 5 teachers organised a Mass on Wednesday 21 March, where parents were also invited. The theme of the Mass was Peace and Justice, supporting our school theme for this year, as well as acknowledging the work being done by Caritas through Project Compassion. We thank the teachers for creating this amazing opportunity and for the parents who took the time to attend the Mass. It is our hope that we will continue to have many more opportunities to celebrate Mass as year levels throughout the rest of the year.

Reconciliation Year 3 Family Workshop Chapel of the Annunciation	Thursday 10 May 5pm & 7pm
SACRAMENT First Reconciliation Chapel of the Annunciation (Night 1)	Thursday 7 June 5pm & 7pm
SACRAMENT First Reconciliation Chapel of the Annunciation (Night 2)	Wednesday 13 June 5pm
Eucharist year 4 Family Workshop	Thursday 23 August

Chapel of the Annunciation	5pm & 7pm
SACRAMENT of First Eucharist St. Patrick's Cathedral	Sunday 14 October 2.30pm Fr. Martin and Fr. John



Ms Laetitia Malusu
Religious Education Co-ordinator – Primary

Primary Sport

Coles Supermarket 'Sports for Schools' Program

Coles Supermarket 'Sports for Schools' Program is finishing up April 1. Please remember to drop any dockets in to the Primary School Reception. We will still accept the dockets for first week back of Term 2. Thank you for your support.

Primary Athletics Carnival Year 3-6

Just a reminder the Primary Athletics Carnival for Year 3-6 students only will be held on Tuesday April 24 on the College Athletics Track commencing at 9.00am. All students must wear their House uniform. Parents are most welcome to attend. Timetable of events will be placed on Facebook closer to the date. The Prep to Year 2 Athletics Carnival will be held Friday October 26.

Auskick@Marymede

Marymede will again be hosting the AFL Auskick program for Year Prep to Year 2 students. Boys and girls are most welcome. The first 1-hour session will start on Friday May 4 and will run for 6 weeks, with the last session being on Friday June 8. The sessions will run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. The cost of the program is \$65 which includes an AFL Auskick pack. Participants must register by going to the link below and searching for Marymede.

<http://www.aflauskick.com.au>

Year 6 House Walkathon/Cross Country

The Year 6 students competed in the annual House Cross Country and House Walkathon.

Congratulations to the following students who were place getters in the Cross Country

BOYS

- 1st Place - Benjamin Quattrone
- 2nd Place - Jason Cardamone
- 3rd Place - Christian Petlevski

GIRLS

- 1st Place - Olivia Sheens
- 2nd Place - Rhianna Bennett
- 3rd Place - Amelia Petrovski



The overall winners were:

- Year 6 Cross Country: Chisholm
- Year 6 Walkathon: Chisholm



Girls Bridge Inn AFL

On Friday March 16 Marymede hosted the Bridge Inn Girls AFL Competition. Five schools were in attendance and Marymede were fortunate to fill 2 teams due to its growing popularity. The Girls A Team were crowned Premiers and will go on to compete at the Division level on Friday, July 20.



Ms Liz Miles
Primary Sport Assistant

BUSINESS MANAGER

Carpark Construction starting Term 1, 2018 Holiday period

The new carpark between Gate A and B outside of the new Kindergarten and Trade Skills Area, will commence on the 3 April 2018 and is anticipated to be completed by the 15 May 2018.

