



19 April 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back for Term 2 and I trust everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Staffing

We welcome back Kate Tornese from Maternity Leave. Congratulations to Jack Mather on being appointed to the position of Chisholm House Coordinator for the remainder of this year. I take this opportunity to thank Judita Kafetzis for her efforts in leading the Chisholm House for the past 2¼ years. Judita has made the decision to go part-time for the remainder of the 2018 school year.

A special welcome to two new staff members Simone White, who joins the Early Learning Centre staff and Yanna Jephson who has taken on the Daily Organiser role.

Parents' & Friends Colour Run – 20 April

Tomorrow afternoon, the P&F Committee have organised a Colour Run starting on the College oval from 4.00pm. I take this opportunity to thank President Mr. Michael Flint and the committee for their work in planning this College Community event. Let's hope the sun is shining and we have a large number of students and parents participate.

Buildings Update

I am delighted to announce that the four new classrooms will be in use by our staff and students from next Monday 23 April. We have recently begun having discussions with the College Architects, Y2, on a design for a new Design and Technology building. It is likely that construction will take place in the latter part of the year.

Winter Uniform

All students are expected to be in their full winter uniform from next Monday 23 April.

Athletics Carnivals

We look forward to our Secondary House Athletics Carnivals next Monday and the Years 3-6 Carnival next Tuesday. I encourage all our students to get involved either by competing or supporting their team.

ANZAC Day – 25 April

I hope that next Wednesday our students take time to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made in wars since the landing in Gallipoli in 1915. It is not pure chance but 'sacrifice' which has made us the fortunate country we are today, and ANZAC Day is a day to remember this.

Year 6 Confirmation – 29 April

Many of our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday week, 29 April at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. It is a wonderful sight to see the Cathedral filled to capacity with our Marymede families. A big thank you to Mrs Melinda Muir and Ms Laetitia Malusu for their efforts in preparing for this very special spiritual experience for our students.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

It is pleasing to see many parents and students attend the P/T/S Interviews on Holy Thursday and again last Monday. I trust you found them worthwhile and informative.

Secondary parents and students have another opportunity to meet with their teachers on Tuesday 1 May from 4.00pm to 7.00pm in the Fitness Centre. Bookings can be made via the College website.

2019 Prep Enrolments

A reminder to our parents that Prep Enrolment Applications for 2019 close on Friday 11 May. We anticipate strong demand for the available places.

Kind Regards

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

NAPLAN

This term, students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will sit their NAPLAN tests on May 15, 16 & 17. Over these three days, students will sit tests to assess their reading, writing, numeracy and language conventions (ie. spelling, punctuation & grammar):

	Tuesday 15 May 2018	Wednesday 16 May 2018	Thursday 17 May 2018
Year 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes

NAPLAN results are very useful in so far as they provide another source of data to assess students' progress in literacy and numeracy. For the College, NAPLAN data is one of a number of important tools we use to assess programs and critically evaluate our current approaches to literacy and numeracy across P-10.

However, it is essential to remember that NAPLAN is just one set of tests in one week and the results for an individual student should never be considered in isolation. A student's state of health, recent sleeping patterns, personal circumstances, environmental factors, anxiety and any number of other factors can impact on their performance in a particular test. Additionally, NAPLAN assesses a relatively narrow range of skills and abilities; while the broader picture of student achievement is much broader and richer than NAPLAN is able to reflect. As such, teachers always draw on a variety of data to assess student achievement.

While there are some schools actively coach students for NAPLAN, our primary and secondary staff are encouraged not to let the NAPLAN change or dictate the students' classroom learning. We seek to provide students with personalised and challenging literacy and numeracy programs in line with the Victorian Curriculum and to give students rich and meaningful learning experiences. We will spend a small amount of time familiarizing students in Year 3, 5 and 7 with the format of the tests to ensure that the experience is not overwhelming and that they are able familiar with the types of questions they will encounter so that they feel confident to tackle the tasks.

Students sitting NAPLAN are encouraged to approach the task with the intention to work to the best of their abilities – as we would encourage them to approach everything at school and beyond – but avoid becoming too concerned or anxious about the tests or the results. NAPLAN is just one of many activities, assessments and experiences they will have over the course of the year that gives them and the school a chance to observe the progress they are making.

If you have any concerns about the upcoming NAPLAN tests, please contact your child's pastoral teacher or myself.

Examinations

For our Year 9-12 students, Term 2 is the study and examination term. **From June 12 to 15**, our **Year 9 - 11 students** will undertake their Semester 1 examinations.

In the final year of VCE, the October-November examinations make up 50% of a students' final score in a subject and has some influence over their marks in school-assessed assessments, too. Becoming successful at examinations is a skill that is developed and mastered over time. As a result, it is essential for students to practice their examination and study skills in Years 9-11, to ensure that by the time they reach Year 12 they have developed excellent study skills and a proficient approach to exam.

To ensure that students are well placed by Year 12, students' results in their Year 10 & 11 mid-year examinations are a key factor in approving their subject choices for next year. Students begin subject selection for 2019 in Term 3 and will only be guaranteed approval in their selected studies for Year 10 & 11 if they have achieved a minimum of 60% in the examination of the related study or studies in Semester 1 2018. Students should also be aware that they must achieve a minimum of 50% in both their English and Religious Education examinations in order to be approved to commence or continue in VCE.

Students who struggle to achieve a satisfactory result will have the opportunity to resit examinations on school on Monday July 2 (the first Monday of the Term 2 holidays) and, while the original mark will appear on semester reports, the resit mark will be considered in the subject selection process.

For **Year 12 students and Year 11 students completing accelerated studies**, their first set of trial examinations will take place from **July 2-4**. These exams have been scheduled during the first week of the term break in order to ensure the best opportunity for students to test their knowledge of the Unit 3 content without missing out on valuable class time. These trial examinations are compulsory for all students completing scored assessment.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal – Learning & Teaching (P-12)

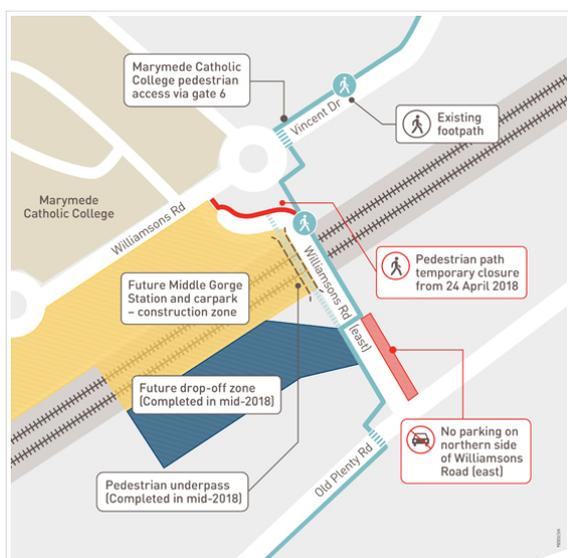
CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR

Mernda Rail Update

Old Plenty Road access and turning circle has been altered in preparation for the final ‘Kiss and Drop’ area at Middle Gorge Station. For safety reasons, there will be increased barriers throughout this area and as such, students should only be dropped off/picked up where there are gaps between these safety barriers. Please be cautious of loose gravel and stones underfoot.

From Tuesday April 24, pedestrian access at the Williamsons Rd end will be altered and students will cross Williamsons Rd at a temporary crossing North of the Gate E round-about. Students will cross from the bus stop on the East side of Williamsons Rd and enter the College through the pedestrian gate at the Fitness Centre – they will not be permitted to cross Gate E vehicle access. The new pedestrian underpass and drop-off zone will be completed in mid-2018.

A map and further information is attached:



Traffic Safety

With works on the carparking area adjacent to the Early Learning Centre and Trade Skills Centre we would like to remind all families of a temporary change in car parking spaces surrounding the College.

- As of Tuesday April 17 – Gate A will be closed at all times with no vehicle access available as a result of works on Marymede Early Learning Centre;

- Families wishing to use the Primary Drop-Off/Pick-Up spaces will be required to enter via Gate B and exit via Gate C (as per normal);
- Gate E will remain open as per normal;
- Where spaces are available, families may also use the new temporary car park space along Williamsons Road opposite the Gate B parking area (shown in the attached photo). Please ensure you cross the road safely and adhere to any directions given to you by staff present. Please refer to the attached photo.

We thank you for your support and co-operation during this construction phase and would like to remind all families of the importance in driving with caution and being respectful of fellow parents/students during morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up times.

To reduce congestion:

- Park and walk – park your vehicle further away from the College and walk with your children. Be prepared with umbrellas in your vehicle in case of wet weather.
- Drive through the drop-off /pick-up zone to the end, following the directions of staff. This enables traffic to flow from Williamsons Road more readily. Be prompt with disembarkation.



Co-curricular Program

Students will be emailed the co-curricular program handbook. This is a guide to what teachers and staff members are offering to support the engagement of your children in many facets of Marymede Community Life. Offerings are in the following categories:

Lunchtime Clubs – varied opportunities from the arts, technology, environment, wellbeing and sports.

- Academic Challenge
- Social Justice and Community
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Sports
- Performing Arts

Please encourage your child/ren to participate in the broader life of the College, developing their interests and talents further outside of the classroom.

Ms Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

National Constitutional Convention

Year 12 student, Laura Daniele attended the National Schools' Constitutional Convention in Canberra from 20-22 March. Laura applied for this Convention last year and the Department of Education and Training was pleased to advise that Laura was successful. They had many high-quality applications and Laura was selected to attend with a group of Victorian students and teachers. The National Convention is an event funded by the government to allow a platform for students from all states to voice their opinions on important constitutional matters. The teachers at the Convention mentioned how well Laura Daniele contributed to the discussions with thoughtful insight and at times passion. 'She was a pleasure to have in the group, representing herself and her school superbly'.

Ms Carla Esposito
Year 12 Legal Studies Teacher

I was one of the lucky students to go to Canberra. While in Canberra we discussed different aspects of section 44 of the constitution, which is concerned with the disqualification of politicians. We participated in a mock referendum, which received a double majority. All the findings made during the Convention will be brought to the Senate in the coming weeks. I found this trip very interesting and made lots of new friends with like-minded people. I would recommend applying if you are interested.



Miss Laura Daniele
Year 12 Legal Studies Student

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Prep Mother's Day Assembly Reminder

Dear Mums, Grandmothers and Aunties of Prep students

You are invited to the Prep Mother's Day Assembly

When: Friday 11 May 9:15am – 10:15 am
(approximately)

Where: Auditorium (located near the College Chapel)

We hope you can celebrate this very special morning with us.

Prep Team

Primary Sport

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 Athletics Track commencing at 9.00am. All students must wear their House uniform. Parents are more than welcome to attend. The Prep to Year 2 carnival will be held October 26.

Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

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Careers

Year 10 Students

Term 2 will see all Year 10 students receiving their Marymede Careers Folder. This folder will be an important resource for all students as they move through their final senior secondary years to store all the relevant information like tax file numbers, USI, Safe at Work Certificates, Birth Certificates and many other certificates they will gain, along with work experience assessment sheets, recent school reports, reference letters, their resume and application letters.

When applying for University, TAFE or a job they will find it much easier if they just go to their careers folder and everything they require is in one place. Make sure you speak to your Year 10 student about their careers folder and ask to view it as they develop it over this term.

Careers Expo Thursday 3 May - all Year 10 Students

Thank you to all the Year 10 student's parents who have given Care Monkey permission for their child to attend the VCE and Careers Expo 2018 at Caulfield Racecourse on Thursday 3 May. This is Australia's biggest careers and education event. Exhibitors include providers of VCE resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges plus 168 seminars on VCE subjects, tertiary courses, career, gap year and study advice.

Year 12 Students Tertiary Information Session at La Trobe University - Tuesday 22 May

Thank you to all the Year 12 parents who have given Care Monkey permission for their child to attend the Northern Metro TIS event at La Trobe on Tuesday 22 May. This is a co-operative venture between Federal Government subsidised Victorian universities, institutes of TAFE and other related agencies. The TIS seminar and expo session provide an opportunity for Year 12 students to research their tertiary study options; discuss careers and course content with tertiary representatives and collect course information from all the major Victorian universities and local TAFE institutes. It is a unique opportunity for student to gather firsthand information from the wide range of tertiary providers in attendance.

Careers Newsletter

I continue to email my Careers Newsletter to all students in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 and their parents. Any others who wish to receive it can just put in an email request to me and I can add

you to the list. I thank parents for their on-going appreciation of the Careers Newsletter.

Ms Carol Fisher
Careers Co-ordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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 the 25 and Saturday the 26 of May is almost sold out! Best seats available on Thursday 24 May



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

Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2018

The Square Knit Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2018 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, our 900+ 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?

Knitting club is every Wednesday lunch time, we hope to regroup bigger and better. Students are currently being taught to learn to knit or crochet 20cm squares that will be sent Zimbabwe, officially the poorest country in the

World 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 school 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 Secondary Reception area in the Founders' Building.

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



Mrs Jenny Priest
Secondary Office

PARENTS and FRIENDS

Parents & Friends Executive 2018 - 2019

At the recent AGM held on Tuesday 20th March, the following parents were elected to executive positions on the Parents and Friends Committee:

President: Mr Michael Flint
Vice President: Ms Sarah Young
Secretary: Ms Michelle Williams
Treasurer: Mr Bobby Tawil

College Principal, Michael Kenny acknowledged the great work of the P&F thus far and in particular the efforts of the outgoing Vice-President Jody Charles and Secretary Kirsty Freeman, who both stepped in at the beginning of 2017. Jody Charles remains a member of the committee. The College community congratulates the new executive.

The Colour Run will be on the oval on Friday afternoon/evening from 4.00pm – 6.00pm, please encourage your children to raise funds. These funds will contribute to large, colourful numeracy games being painted on the grounds. These games will support children's play at recess and lunch and also can be used by teacher's during class time to develop numeracy skills and confidence. Stand-alone tickets on the day will be available, and we are encouraging a 'Parent Run' and a 'Cross Country Run' co-ordinated by Gerard Large.

Please ensure you have your children dressed in old clothing (a white T-shirt will work well) and bring a change of clothes and towels. We will have a 'hose-down' facility available!

Parking will be via Gate E only. Additional information is available via our College Facebook page.

Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

COMMUNITY MASS

