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FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

“Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3)

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Christ the King which brings to a close the period of Ordinary Time. The gospel reading is about the Son of Man coming in all his kingly glory on the day of the Last Judgement when people who have seen “Christ” in the downtrodden and have tended to their needs will be rewarded. On the other hand, those who rejected opportunities for outreach will themselves be rejected from the Kingdom of God. This feast day leads to the first Sunday in Advent when we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The regal king and judge will soon come in our midst as a helpless and vulnerable baby, born just as one of us.



*The Annunciation, Cortona Altarpiece, 1433-34,
by Fra Angelico, Museo Diocesano, Cortona,*

Mary waits from the moment she says “Yes” to God, indicating her willingness to be part of God’s plan for our salvation, born out of God’s deep and abiding love for all creation. Mary’s “yes” changes the course of history for humankind. Mary models for us the joy of anticipation of the hope of the fulfilment of God’s promise through the birth of Jesus Christ. She waits during her period of pregnancy, visiting her pregnant cousin Elizabeth. Both women are filled with joyful anticipation of the life growing inside their womb, each life growing towards God’s fulfilment of the promise of what John the Baptist and Jesus will bring to the society in which they are to be born.

In the Way of Mary, from this Sunday we begin the time of joyful waiting and preparation for the coming of our Saviour. His coming over two millennia ago is the history-changing event, bringing with it God’s message of love, peace and hope. Waiting patiently for God always includes joyful expectation. Without expectation our waiting can get bogged down in the

present and on preparing for the material side of Christmas. When we wait in expectation that His coming will change our life for the better, our whole being is open to be surprised by joy. During this time of waiting in hope, we help each other focus our hearts and minds on Jesus, and grow closer to Him during Advent and beyond.

All through the Gospels Jesus tells us to keep awake and stay alert. St Paul says, ***“Brothers and sisters ... the moment is here for you to stop sleeping and wake up, because by now our salvation is nearer than when we first began to believe. The night is nearly over, daylight is on the way; so let us throw off everything that belongs to the darkness and equip ourselves for the light”*** (Romans 13:11-12).

As we engage in our personal and communal preparation for Christmas, the late Henri Nouwen, renowned Catholic priest, mystic, philosopher and thinker invites us to consider the need for discipline, which he simply defines as “the effort to create some space in which God can act”.

How specifically might we create some space for God to act this Advent?

A space where we can hear, feel and experience the Spirit of God, and respond?

It is this joyful expectation of God’s coming that offers vitality to our lives. The expectation of the fulfilment of God’s promises to us is what allows us to pay full attention to the road on which we are walking.

During each of the Advent Liturgies for our VCE 2015 students over the past fortnight as they concluded their Orientation Programme, the reflective question posed was: “What are you doing this Christmas?” challenging them to look beyond themselves in the receiving of gifts and feasting on fine food and drink, to engage in a more authentic Christmas.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

What’s Happening In Faith & Mission

- Year 7 – 9 Advent Liturgy 4 December, 9.00 a.m. Fitness Centre
- Year 8 – 11 New Students Welcome Liturgy & Orientation to Catholic Identity of Marymede Catholic College, December 9, 10.00 a.m. Chapel
- Year 6-7 Induction Day Closing Liturgy, December 9, 1.30 – 2.30 pm, Chapel

- Year 6 Graduation Mass, December 10, 7.00 pm, Fitness Centre
- New Staff Induction Opening Prayer, December 11, 9.30 a.m. Chapel; Teaching in a Catholic School, 9.40 – 10.20 a.m. Auditorium.

Judeline Wadhvani
Head of Faith & Mission (P-12)

Mini-Vinnies at Marymede



What a fruitful year it's been with the launch of Mini-Vinnies and a successful Winter Warmers Appeal. The group had the opportunity to hand over the goods to the St Vincent de Paul Mini Vinnies representative Catherine Smith who was very grateful for their hard work. In our closing meeting the students received their badges for demonstrating their awareness of the needs of others and for reaching out to these needy people. The students made a pledge to continue their work as Mini-Vinnies.

In Term 4 as part of their preparation for Confirmation, the Mini-Vinnies helped raise awareness about the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal and are taking on the call to think about someone less fortunate than themselves at Christmas.

Simone McGill
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY

The Marymede Fete – What a Success

The 2014 Marymede Catholic College Annual Fete was a huge success. The sun shone, the crowds gathered and the community of Marymede Catholic College celebrated with friends and families last Saturday November 22.

Our students are still talking about the 'awesome rides', the delicious variety of foods, the roaming magician, the fabulous prizes at the Spinning Wheel, and the spectacular array of market stalls and other activities to do and participate in.

This year we had a record number of Volunteers who assisted with the set-up on Friday November 21, and then on Fete Day. Many thanks to all who assisted in some way to make this year's fete such a success.

Thank you also to the wonderful staff at Marymede who supported the fete on Fete Day and in the many months leading up to November 22.

Special thanks and recognition must go to Nadia Crisp, President of the Parents and Friends, Carmela Grgas-Bego, Vice President, Tony Zaccari, Treasurer and Silvana Aliquo, Secretary. Additionally, the support of these people from our other Parents and Friends members is acknowledge too.

Our special thanks to our Major Sponsors – Fortunato Group and Coates Hire, who without their generosity, we would not have been able to put together an event of this magnitude.

On behalf of the Marymede Catholic College community, my sincere thanks once again for all of your support of this wonderful event.

Robyn Roberts
Deputy Principal - Secondary

HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In the last edition of the College Newsletter I presented a summary of some of the authentic approaches to curriculum and pedagogy that have evolved this year in the Year 7 & 8 Religious Education programs.

In this edition, it gives me great pleasure to present to you a summary of the same for our Year 9 & 10 students in their Religious Education studies and experiences.

Year 9 Religious Education 2014

This year the students in Year 9 have embarked on a true faith journey of discovery as they commenced the year learning about Literary Forms in the Bible. Students learned to appreciate the breadth and sacredness of the Bible uncovering a rich variety of literary styles. They explored Wisdom and Prophetic Literature as they analysed themes and messages contained within the Old Testaments. Students have engaged in some great discussion and exploration looking at Key Church Teachings. They have grown to appreciate even further the relevance of the Church's teaching for their lives today. A key area of inquiry has been the Catholic Church in Australia with a focus on investigating and researching the contributions that men and women have made to the Catholic Church in Australia.

Students have had an opportunity to reflect inward as they explored their understanding of Redemption and Hope in relation to their life experiences, both good and bad. In summarising their faith and learning journey this year, students explored the Sacraments of Hope and Healing with a particular focus on understanding the importance of the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick in the Catholic tradition.

Take a look at a few of the fantastic interviews that our Year 9 students created based on the lives of men and women who have made a significant contribution to the Catholic Church in Australia.

If your son/daughter is in Year 9 this year, be sure to take the time and have them present you theirs.

Kundainashe Katsidzira & Benjamin Symon on *Mr Bob Santamaria*

Chelsea Ford & Milly Turner on *Dr Mannix*

James Mowlam & Alexander Kosmas on *Archbishop Polding*

<http://vimeo.com/113052744>

<http://vimeo.com/113052743>

<http://vimeo.com/113052746>

Year 10 Religious Education 2014

Our context for Year 10 students this year has been to challenge students to make sense and meaning of their everyday lives in the light of the teaching of Scripture from the Bible, the Catholic Church and the traditions of the Catholic community. Students began the year with a key study exploring and learning about the Synoptic Gospel of Mark. Students identified and studied the main elements of Mark's Gospel portrayal of Jesus. Essentially, students were challenged to apply Gospel themes to a variety of modern-day situations which impact on their lives. Students also reflected on the Eucharist analysing elements of the Eucharist and its place as the central focus of worship for Catholics.

Year 10 students explored their understanding of Personal Moral Responsibility. A creative framework of dialogue, understanding and action was constructed in order to lead students in a process of deep self-reflection, learning, evaluation and response. A unique response which challenges the value systems in contemporary society by working for Justice in Australia and beyond to create a just world.

The Year 10 students also developed a greater understanding of the Church's History as they studied key events and movements that have shaped the nature and mission of the Church today. The program was summarised with a look at Major Christian Denominations in our society today exploring similarities and differences when compared with Catholicism. Students conclude their studies this year with a greater appreciation for what Christians share in common.

Take a look at the great work of a group of Year 10 students who created, performed and recorded their version of the Passion of Jesus Christ as part of their studies of Mark's gospel earlier this year.

<http://vimeo.com/113052745>

I would like to sincerely thank Ms Kane and Ms McGill together with their respective teams, for providing our Year 9 and 10 students with such rich and rigorous learning opportunities in Religious Education this year.

God Bless,

Riccardo Iuele

Head of Secondary Religious Education

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Reports

Semester Two reports will not be posted this year. Instead, they will be available to Secondary parents via the Parent Access Module (PAM) by the 12th December, 2014.

Students in Years 9 – 11 sat exams in November and these results have been reported using the same scale in all subjects and in all year levels. These grades are aligned to the following percentages:

Percentage	Grade
90 – 100	A+
80 – 89	A
75 – 79	B+
70 – 74	B
65 – 69	C+
60 - 64	C
55 -59	D+
50 – 54	D
40 – 49	E+
30 – 39	E
Below 30	Ungraded (UG)

Last Week Program Years 7-9

In Week 9 of Term 4, we have planned an exciting and varied week for our students. This will be a combination of educational activities, excursions, incursions and preparation for 2015. The overview below shows you what subjects and activities students are doing each day. Here is an example of one of the well planned and engaging activities for Year 8 Religions Education.

Year 8 Nativity Activity

Choose one of the following:

Nativity Scene Model

Create your own nativity scene model. Models should be:

- Neat in appearance
- Realistic
- Use advent colours
- Easily transportable
- Show creativity

Children's Book

Create a children's book of the Nativity. The book should be:

- At least 10 pages long
- Include colourful illustrations
- Pages are bound somehow
- Handwriting/typing is free of errors
- Truthful story is told
- Overall appearance is neat and organised

Movie Making

Create a movie with an advent/Christmas theme. Write, direct, film and edit your movie using your netbook. You may also use animation to make your movie.

Song Writing

Write your own advent song. The song must be:

- Respectful
- Original
- Demonstrate musical talent
- Include a sheet of lyrics

Performance

Write and perform your own understanding of the advent/nativity/Christmas story.

End of Year Programme December 1 to 4, 2014

Year 7					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
P1	Science Excursion	Drama/Art/Mus	7.1, 7.3, 7.5 RE	7.2 & 7.4 Italian Excursion	Advent Liturgy All staff and students
P2	Science Excursion	Drama/Art/Mus	7.1, 7.3, 7.5 RE	7.2 & 7.4 Italian Excursion	SPORT
P3	Science Excursion	English	7.1, 7.3, 7.5 LOTE	7.2 & 7.4 Italian Excursion	SPORT
P4	Science Excursion	Maths	7.1, 7.3, 7.5 Technology	7.2 & 7.4 Italian Excursion	Clean Up
P5	Science Excursion	Maths	7.1, 7.3, 7.5 Hums	7.2 & 7.4 Italian Excursion	Early Dismissal 1.23pm

Year 8				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
P1	RE	Italian Excursion Japanese Incursion	Science Excursion	Advent Liturgy
P2	RE	Italian Excursion Japanese Incursion	Science Excursion	Hums
P3	Eng	Italian Excursion Japanese Incursion	Science Excursion	Maths
P4	Eng	Italian Excursion Japanese Incursion	Science Excursion	Clean Up
P5	Sport	Italian Excursion Japanese Incursion	Science Excursion	Early Dismissal 1.23pm

Year 9				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
P1	Model UN	Sport	English	Advent Liturgy
P2	Model UN	Sport	Maths	Work Exp
P3	RE	Model UN	Model UN	Work Exp
P4	RE	Model UN	Model UN	Clean Up

Year 9				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
P5	Science	Work Experience	Safe Work Module	Early Dismissal 1.23pm

Year 10 Mathematics

A letter was posted this week to all parents of students in Year 10 in 2015. We have made a change to how we deliver Mathematics in 2015. All students will study a core curriculum and then those who wish to apply to study 10 Maths A in Semester 2 will be invited to do so. Those selected will have attained consistently high marks and will have a dedicated work ethic. Please contact me if you need any further clarification.

Andrea Agnew
Head of Learning and Teaching

Year 7 Product Expo

During this term in humanities the Year 7 students have been busy designing, creating and producing products as part of the business unit. All classes had a mini expo whereby other classes came and were asked to vote for their favourite product. On behalf of the Year 7 students, we would like to thank all the primary and secondary classes for taking the time to come and visit. The students appreciated the opportunity to show case their efforts and sell their products.

Thank you to all the Year 7 students and teachers involved and all of those who visited.



Kathy Vlahusic
Humanities Teacher

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Australian Taxation Office has decided that the Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond December 31, 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

So how do students apply for a TFN from January 1 2015?

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'. Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post Office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

David Adamson
Head of Careers

Iris: The 2nd Annual Media Showcase



OFFICIAL SELECTION
IRIS
2014

<p>YEAR 9</p> <p>Eliana Abou-Yaghi Jesse Azzopardi Steven Azzopardi Adam Ball George Brown Hayden Cox Duncan De Connor Fitzgerald Julian Forte Angelique Milevski Charanjitha Nagasanthakumaran Jessica Neovski Damien Petrucci Ross Phiorides Lachlan Quirk Allen Shaji Aaron Trifonidis Shojin Tse Milly Turner</p>	<p>YEAR 11</p> <p>Jack Peermann Stephanie Camilleri Connor Nelson Georgia Peterson Daniel Sim</p>
<p>YEAR 10</p> <p>Tonia Cicoone Ysabel Dungca Olivia Hughes Thomas Johnston Germa Parsons Tayla Smyth Natalia Vargas Emma Wardell</p>	<p>YEAR 12</p> <p>Teagan Carlton Lauren Kostov Nicholas Musto Rebecca Pannell Genna Sbaglia Amy Williams Karl Zaharopoulos</p>

MARYMEDE FILM SCHOOL

Massimo Gamboni
Emily Maney
Nanette Mangoba
Lukas Opasnov
Germa Parsons
Emma Wardell

SPEAKERS

Adrian Montana, Head of Visual Arts and Design Technology
Amy Williams, Captain of Visual Arts
Jeremy Guzman, Media Teacher

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr Mary Buncion, Faculty of Education, La Trobe University
Linden Koortstraen, Media Teacher, Azsola College
and Co-Founder of Marymede Film School



Iris took place on Monday November 24 and the evening was a big success. Students, parents and staff members came together and celebrated the creative accomplishments of Year 9-12 Media with the same glitz and glamour as a Hollywood premiere. Here are some photographs from the event:



Jeremy Guzman
Secondary Teacher

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

2014 Primary Guild Athletics Carnival – Friday December 5

On Friday December 5, Marymede Catholic College will be holding the Primary Guild Athletics Carnival. It will be held on the Athletics track and Soccer Pitch. This is a compulsory activity for primary students and we seek your support in ensuring that your child/children attend.

All parents of students in the primary years are warmly invited to attend. If you are attending, we suggest that you bring a folding chair and picnic lunch. For safety reasons, it is important that toddlers and preschool siblings remain under the supervision of their parents and do not move into the path of the sports events.

Please note that the students will be competing at the following times;

Years 3 to Year 6 students: 9:15am -12:30pm
Preps to Year 2 students: 12:30pm -2:30pm

Students are to wear their full College Guild Sports uniform including their cap. Please also apply sunscreen to your child. Students need to bring their fruit, snack and lunch and plenty of drinks and water on the day. Students will only be permitted to consume food or drink supplied by their parents. Students will be given the opportunity to eat and drink a number of times throughout the day.

The Parents and Friends Committee have kindly donated Zooper Dooper Ice Blocks for distribution to each primary student. These will be given to the students by their Pastoral Teacher. If you do not wish your child to have a Zooper Dooper, please contact your child's Pastoral Teacher.

Should it become necessary to cancel the Primary Guild Athletics Carnival, due to inclement weather, students will be required to attend school as normal and can wear their Guild Sports uniform.

The arrangements are as follows:

- All primary students are to arrive and line-up prior to the first bell at 8.45. Pastoral Teachers will collect the students from the line and take them into their Homeroom to record attendance and prepare for the day. **Years 3 to Year 6** students will then walk down to the College Oval/ Fitness Centre under the supervision of their teachers with their bags. They will sit with the students in their year level Guild groups.
- The Athletics Carnival for Years 3 to Year 6 students will commence the Athletics Carnival at approximately 9.15am. The students will have a fruit break, snack break and lunch down on the Oval.
- **Prep to Year 2** students will go into class as normal and will participate in some games with their teachers in the primary play areas in the morning.
- Preps to Year 2 will commence the Athletics Carnival at 12:30pm
- Throughout the day, all students are required to remain with their teachers and will not be permitted

to leave their designated area without permission from their teachers. When students are participating in the Athletics Carnival, they will use the Fitness Centre toilets. Students are not permitted to go to the toilet unaccompanied.

- The Athletics Carnival will conclude at approximately 2.45pm. At the conclusion of the event, all students will go up to primary basketball courts with their teachers to eat their Zooper Doopers and hear the announcement of the winning Guild.
- Students will be dismissed as normal at 3:15pm from their classes.
- The Before and After School Care programs will proceed as normal on this day.
- The College First Aid staff will be available throughout the Athletics Carnival to administer First Aid and attend to the needs of students with chronic health or additional needs.

If you have any questions regarding the Primary Guild Athletics, please contact your child's Pastoral Teacher

2014 Celebrations of Learning and Awards Nights – Monday December 8

The Celebrations of Learning and Awards Night for Prep to Year 2 students and their families will be held in the Fitness Centre on Monday 8 December from 6.00-7.00pm and for Year 3 and 4 students and families on Monday December 8 from 7.30-8.30pm.

2015 Years 1-6 Student Orientation – Tuesday December 9

Orientation sessions will be held on Tuesday December 9 from 9.30-10.30am for all current and newly enrolled students in Years 1-6 in 2015. Parents of current Prep to Year 5 students, please note that this is a regular school day with starting and concluding times as per normal. The teachers who conduct the Orientation session for your child may not be the 2015 Pastoral teacher.

2015 Year 7 Orientation Day – Tuesday 9 December.

The 2015 Year 7 Orientation Day will on Tuesday December 9. Full details of this day will be distributed by the Head of Secondary Mrs Julia Wake and Deputy Principal Secondary Mrs Robyn Roberts.

Message for Parents of Year 6 students who are not attending Marymede in Year 7 in 2015

Please be advised that in order to staff and accommodate the 2015 Primary and Year 7 Orientation Day, Year 6 students who are not attending Marymede in Year 7, do not attend school on Tuesday December 9.

Rule Reminder

As the 2014 school year is coming to an end, it is timely to remind all primary students and parents, particularly those who

are leaving the College at the end of the school year of the following rule:

College students are not permitted to write on or deface their uniform in any way and they are not permitted to wear an item of uniform that has writing or graffiti on it. If, in the unlikely event, a student is seen to have writing on their school clothing, they will be sent home immediately.

The College seeks your full support and cooperation in this matter.

Graduation Mass and Years 5 and 6 Awards Night – Wednesday December 10

Parents and families of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to participate in the Graduation Mass and Years 5 & 6 Awards Night on Wednesday 10 December at 7.00pm in the College Fitness Centre

Semester Two Reports

Semester Two reports will not be posted this year. Instead, they will be available to primary parents via the Parent Access Module (PAM) from Monday 15 December.

Primary Students Last Day for Term Four – Friday December 12

All primary students conclude the 2014 school year on Friday 12 December at 12.30pm. Primary students do not need to bring lunch on this day. Students will be dismissed by their Pastoral teacher from their Homeroom at 12.30pm

Liz Crane
Deputy Principal Primary

PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the students in Year 6 who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday November 16. A truly memorable experience that will stay with them forever. It was amazing to see so many parents, families and friends sharing this special occasion with our young people as they have become fully initiated into the Church community.

A big thank you to all the staff who helped out and made this event possible, especially Fr. Maurie Cooney and the Year 6 staff who prepared the students for this Sacrament. Thanks also to Mr. Kevin Carville and the secondary students who performed in the choir and did an outstanding job.



Nicole Pegler
Primary Faith and Mission

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Disability Awareness Day

As a Primary School, Marymede will be acknowledging and celebrating Disability Awareness Day on Wednesday December 3. Marymede Catholic College works in partnership with St Mary's School for the Hearing Impaired, and it is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the different disabilities that are present in our community.

As part of this day, the Prep to Year 3 students will be participating in an interactive session on sign language by one of the St Mary's teachers, Kelsey Greig. The Year 4 to 6 students will be listening to a talk on disability awareness by an organisational group called 'Wheel Talk'. This will be held on Tuesday December 2.

We are looking forward to a great day.

Laura Gazeas
Head of Primary Student Wellbeing

Leukaemia Foundation

The Year Two Staff and Students would like to thank the families and friends of the Marymede community for their support in raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Together we raised \$825.00 at the Fete, and filled 3 tins with additional coin and note donations. A big thank you to the Fete Committee for making this possible.



Year 2 Team

Global Community Fundraiser

During Term 4 Year 3.5 students participated in a global community project raising money for the Shardrack Kimalel Primary school in Kenya. In a partnership with Secondary students money was raised through sponsoring students in a fun run called "KCLUB" which involved students running around the College Athletics track. A big thank-you to all those parents, teachers and students that supported us. We managed this year to raise a total of \$920.00.



Scott Byrne
Pastoral Teacher

Guild Swimming Carnival

On Thursday November 20 students from Year 3-5 participated in the Guild Swimming Carnival. There were great results and all gave their best as McAuley charged home for their first win of the year.

Final Results were

- 1st McAuley
- 2nd Marcellin
- 3rd McCormack
- 4th Chisholm
- 5th Romero
- 6th Chanel

Congratulations to Bianca Bothma, Jessica Magro, Chideraa Obani, Damien Rades, Deacon Kalpakis and Joshua Hoysted for winning their age groups.

Notes will go home to students who have made the training squad for 2015 in the coming weeks.



Girls Football

Some of our Girls played a "Friendly" Game against The Lakes on Friday November 21. It was the first game of Football most of the girls had played. It was played in good spirit and all enjoyed themselves.



Primary School Guild Athletics Carnival

The Primary School Athletics Carnival will take place on Friday December 5.

Parents are welcome to attend. It will take place on the schools Athletics Track.

Please note the times when each Year Level will be competing;

Years 3-6 9:15-12:30 Years Prep-2 12:30-2:30.

Students are to wear their Guild uniform.

Sports Assistant

The Primary School is looking for expressions of interest from Parents wanting to fill the role of Sports Assistant.

This position will be a part-time paid role working with Mr. Gerard Large to run the Sports and Guild Program.

Interested parties are to send a letter of application to Ms. Lee Campbell by Friday December 5.

Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

Reading Stars

50 Nights

Neha Sojan, Christian D'ettore, Ava Petrides, Mithran Shantosh Kumar

100 Nights

Bianca Alessandrino, George Khoury, Jovia Joseph Jeyasinghe, Gabriela Favero, Lara Flamma, Donna Roy, Manas Regi, Luke D'Agostino, Umairan Thievanesan, Sasha Bajiric, Mia Daniele, Ria Valder

150 Nights

Gabriel Spiteri, Shreeya Sreejith, Pranav Sudheesh, Marcus Barrasso, Jade Pozaic, Lucas Lautee, Jyothis Joshy, Logan Humphrey, Marcus Vinci, Katia Alipan, Matthew Elkomos, Noah Alberti, Joshua Sadza, Gemma MacDonald, Mollie MacDonald, Fiona Polifroni

200 Nights

Noah Carusi, Avelyn Joseph, Tommy Vrkic, Ashna Sajeev, Tiana Grech, Hannah Kocev, Alex Yousif, Luciana Pastrana Martinez, Max Trajkovski

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Confirmation Mass

I was extremely proud of the following students for representing the College so well and leading the singing at the recent Confirmation Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday November 16. You all sounded amazing... Well done!

Morgan Brand
Laura Daniele
Alexander Kosmas
Nanette Mangoba
Sarah Mizzi
Nicholas Musto
Destiny Withers

Here they are at the Cathedral after the rehearsal on Thursday November 13.

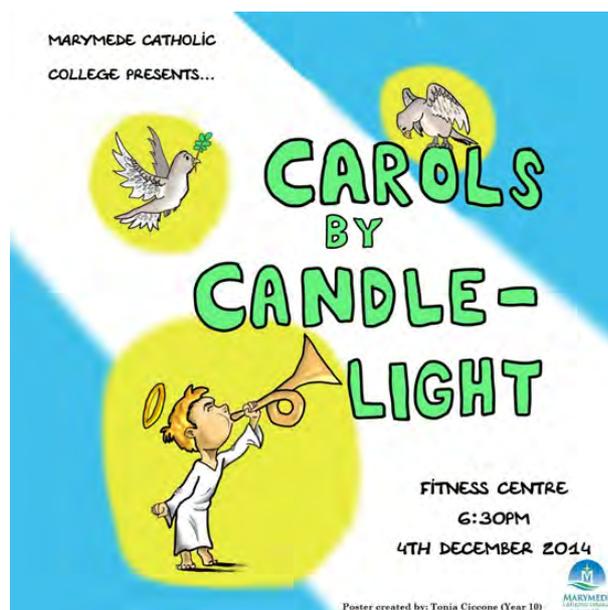


Carols by Candlelight

We are very much looking forward to celebrating 'Carols by Candlelight' at Marymede Catholic College on Thursday December 4 in the College's Fitness Centre.

'Carols by Candlelight' will bring students from Prep to 12 together to celebrate the Nativity through scripture, song and drama. There will also be lots of prizes and fun, including a VERY special guest... yes... our very own SANTA CLAUS will be making an appearance.

Here is the poster for the event which was created by the very talented Tonia Ciccone in Year 10.



Instrumental Music Lessons

Please note that the **closing date** for re-enrolments in the College's Instrumental Music Program for 2015 was Monday November 10. If you have missed this deadline then please contact music@marymede.vic.edu.au as a matter of urgency. We will shortly be arranging staffing for the enrolled students.

All students currently enrolled in the College's Instrumental Music Program must **RE-ENROL** for 2015.

All the relevant documentation and forms can be found on our College Website.

There are important changes being implemented next year:

- Students enrolled in the College's Instrumental Music Program will receive a MINIMUM of 15 lessons per semester

- Students enrolled in the College's Instrumental Music Program are committed to a FULL SEMESTER of lessons

The cost of Instrumental Music Lessons in 2015 (per semester / 15 lessons) is as follows:

- INDIVIDUAL / PRIVATE = \$525.00
- SHARED = \$337.50

Fees are invoiced by the College on a semester basis and will appear on your College Account Statement.

The College currently offers private instrumental music lessons for students wishing to learn: Voice, Piano, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion / Drum Kit, Guitar and Bass Guitar.

Piano or Keyboard

I have had a few enquiries regarding the difference between Piano and Keyboard. The following information can be used a general guide when deciding whether Piano or Keyboard lessons are appropriate for your son/daughter:

Piano:

- Has an emphasis on recognised and established 'technique'
- Includes more of a classical repertoire
- Students are encouraged to prepare for nationally accredited AMEB examinations

Keyboard:

- Generally chord-based tunes are learned
- Includes more of a contemporary repertoire
- AMEB examinations are possible, however there is more of an emphasis on 'playing for pleasure'

Kevin Carville
Head of Music

Whittlesea Show Means Public Recognition of Excellence For Marymede Students.

Wonderful results have now come in from the Whittlesea Show on the talents of our very creative students. Marymede student work was extremely well received this year with 87 students gaining awards ranging from 'Commended' to 'Best in the Show'. The Visual Arts and Technology staff congratulate all students on their fine efforts.

Following is a list of student awards:

C = Commended HC = Highly Commended VHC = Very Highly Commended and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and Best in the Show.

Visual Arts

Year 1:
Sarah Fernando VHC

Year 3:
Julia Patricio HC; Tania Santhosk HC; Veronica Marie Leon-Vizcaino C

Year 5:
Felicity Day 1st; Salma Othman 2nd; Maya Perez-Guerra 3rd; Lurene Portello VHC; Zara Mikinkov HC

Year 6:
Alex Metz VHC

Year 7:
Tharani Kumarasena 3rd; Samuel Indian 3rd; Chelsea Roberts HC; Divya Khangura HC; Lara Mina HC; Adrian Zaccari C; Monique Bothma C; Rachel Zhara C.

Year 8:
Megan Schoombie 1st; Kyara Ziebekkis 1st; Emma Beel 2nd; Kamaria Brancato 2nd; Soha Razal 3rd; Tara Johnson 3rd; Emily Dove 3rd; Courtney Johnson VHC; Kristen Cardamone VHC; Damon Rudge VHC; Simran Rainu HC; Alan Sajeev HC; Hamritha Ramesh-Kumar HC; Uggi Sagwan HC; Jacinta Richards HC; Beth Dislakis C. Chloe Di Paolo C.

Year 9:
Allen Shaji 1st; Dillon Emini 2nd; Aaron Trifondis 3rd; Clarissa Polifroni 3rd; Aleigha Walters VHC; Deepti Singh HC; Jesse Azzopaardi HC

Year 10:
Tonia Ciccone 1st Best Art Exhibit in the Show; Mikayla Rizzo 1st; Ysabel Duncan 1st; Claire D'Avoine 1st; Allora Gillingham 2nd; Larissa Skenderis 2nd; Jacinta Trantino 2nd; Natalia Vargas 3rd; Emma Wardell 3rd; Renee Hall 3rd and VHC; Nanette Mangoba VHC; Tiahna Camilleri HC; Tayla Smith HC; Elysha Mason C; Betsy Rasia C.

Year 11:
Brooke Mestou 1st; Calin Sinclair 1st; Maddy McInerney 2nd; Emily Strauss 2nd; Tayla Defazio 3rd; Rkhil Joshy VHC; Valeria Impicche C.

Textiles

Year 8:
Zara Andonovski 1st Best Textile Exhibit in the Show; Leah Vasiliadis 2nd; Laura Barling 2nd; Annaliese Cirone 3rd; Bridget Cassar Tangas 3rd; Natasha Vu HC; Shamal Balasooriya-Lekamage HC; Laura Daniele HC; Makayla Andonovski HC; Mikayla Tigani HC, Lachlan Munro HC; Rochelle Carli C; Ben Cole C; Takhu Chitambo C.

Year 9:
Aleigha Walters 1st; Ivanna Miocic 2nd; Sienna Byrne; Jordyn Cullen 3rd; Chelcy Carrabino 3rd; Nimrat Kullar C; Rebecca Hancy C; Kait Van Amelsroort C.

Adrian Montana
Head of Visual Arts and Design Technology

Business Manager

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance from 2015

From January 1, 2015, the Government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria's neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools' core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

Office Closed During Christmas Holidays

The College will be closed from 12 pm Friday December 19 and will reopen at 9am January 5 2015.

School Fee Accounts

All outstanding amounts **must** be paid by the **December 12, 2014**, unless you have contacted the College to discuss payments or prior arrangements have been made with the College.

Paul Romanin
Business Manager

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede Catholic College wishes to welcome the following students and their families who commenced with us this past fortnight:

Karri Macaskill – Year 8
Lily Tuffen – Year 4

Exit Forms

Any student who is not returning to Marymede Catholic College in 2015 will be required to collect an Exit Form from the Main Office. ALL Exit Forms are expected to be returned to the Main Office prior to the conclusion of the school year.

Prep 2015

It is a legal requirement for parents to provide an immunisation status certificate when enrolling their child at Primary School. Could parents of Prep 2015 students please ensure that your child's certificate has been submitted to the College. If you are uncertain whether or not the College has a copy of your child's certificate please phone 9407-9000 or email registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au

Family Contact Details

Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 to submit the new information, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au .

Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2016 are now open and will close on February 27, 2015.

Applications for Prep 2016 are now open and will close on May 15, 2015.

College Facebook Page

Be sure to 'like' the official Marymede Catholic College Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege to keep up with exciting news and events at the College. The page is updated regularly and is a great form of communication between the College and community. Please be reminded that it is NOT a requirement for a parent to have their own Facebook account in order to view the College page. Information and news can be read by simply visiting the above link.

Email Addresses

Our College uses email as a major form of communication to families. Please ensure that your family has supplied the College with a valid and current email address to avoid missing out on valuable information regarding news and events. It is a College requirement for all families to have a minimum of one valid, working email address. To submit an email address or check your existing email address, please contact the College or email registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au .

School Bus Service

Any family interested in using the College Bus service should visit www.marymede.vic.edu.au/schoolbus2015 to register their details. Important information relating to the 2015 School Bus service will be sent to families in the coming weeks. For all further enquiries regarding the Marymede School Bus service please contact the Registrar's Office on 9407-9000.

Matthew Luczek
Registrar

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Mondays 8am to 2pm
Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm
Wednesdays 8am to 11am then 2pm to 5pm
Thursdays 12pm to 5pm

Next Saturday Trade, Saturday December 6, 9.30am to 12.30pm.