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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I have taken the liberty of attaching an article from last Sunday's Age Newspaper regarding the importance of student attendance at school. It details research which shows that even a short absence from school can affect a child's Naplan results.

It also mentions the fact that Australian students have one of the highest absence rates in the developed world. I think the article is well worth the time to read by all parents across the school.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

This week saw Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews take place for Secondary students. I would express my thanks to the many parents who took the time to discuss the progress of their sons/daughters this year. The feedback from teachers can be a valuable assistance to students as they endeavor to further improve their academic performance in the course of this year.

It was great to meet many parents as they waited for their appointments with our hard working staff.

Scholarship Update

We have almost completed the process of awarding the Scholarships and we are awaiting the results of the Music Auditions to announce the winners of all Scholarships on offer. It is hoped to have a full list of Scholarship winners in the next Newsletter.

2015 Re-Enrolment

In the next couple of days you will receive a 2015 re enrolment form for your child\children.

The College Board met on 30 July and approved an increase in the enrolment deposit from \$250 to \$300 for the 2015 re enrolment process. This deposit applies per family in Primary and/or per Secondary student.

The deposit is to confirm your child's place at Marymede in 2015 and will be credited towards your 2015 schools fees in full by mid-January 2015.

The re enrolment forms are to be returned to the college by 28 August 2014. This will help the college in planning for the number of student anticipated to be enrolled, so that appropriate resources are allocated and in place for the 2015 school year.

The school fees for 2015 have not yet been determined, but it is expected that they will be determined and conveyed to the college community by the end of September 2014.

Centenary of World War 1

This week we pause to remember the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

There will be many ceremonies to mark this important anniversary across the world. World War 1 had a profound impact on the development of our country and we remember the sacrifices made by our soldiers, sailors, airman and nurses in that war and the many innocent civilians who lost their lives in that conflict.

LEST WE FORGET.

Paul D'Astoli
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

"Take courage it is I; do not be afraid" (Mt 14:27)

The gospel for this nineteenth Sunday of the year is one of my favourites for several reasons: Peter may be seen to represent many of us at different times in our life, in all our vulnerability; sometimes in our brokenness, anxious about the future, about the success of outcomes in areas that we lead or follow. However Christ reassures us to be people of faith, to take courage and not give way to fear. He assures the "Peter" in each of us to hang in there because "it is I" who will give you the courage to believe, to trust and to persist. This reassurance from Christ is strongly resonant with his assertion "Everything is possible for the person who has faith" (Mark 9:23) our College theme for 2014.

So as a community of faith, let us respond as Peter did: "Lord save me" when we find ourselves facing times of hardship and uncertainty, indecision, frustration, and other challenging situations. Let us turn to Him who says "It is I" and place our cares with Him in faith and in trust:

"Lord help me" "Lord guide me" or simply "Lord be with me".

What's Happening In Faith And Mission

Spiritual Life Events

- Marymede Day Mass – 13 August – 9.30 am – Fitness Centre
- McAuley Guild Mass – 23 August – 11.30 am - Chapel
- Year 11 Mass – 27 August – 2.00 pm – Chapel

Social Justice Outreach

Our Primary School Captains together with our Faith & Liturgy as well as our Social Justice Captain met with a representative from St Vincent de Paul to discuss the launch of Mini-Vinnies

at Marymede Catholic College. This initiative will see Years 6 to 12 work as one heartbeat to raise awareness of need at the local level, South Morang and its surrounds and how student leaders can lead their peers to a response of faith in action. Read about their efforts and successes in Student Voice in future newsletters.

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

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY

Parent / Student / Teacher / Interviews

This week the Secondary School conducted these critical conversations with your sons'/daughters' teachers. I trust you found these conversations valuable and insightful as we forge together to ensure your children are focussed on their learning, participating actively in College life, deepening their understanding of the importance of building healthy, positive relationships and becoming increasingly aware there is no separation between learning and living the Christian life.

Uniform Matters

It has been disappointing to witness the way some of our students are wearing the College uniform. Our uniform symbolises that we hold values, ethos and community at Marymede Catholic College, highly. As a community, we are recognised positively or negatively by our students and the way they wear their uniform and conduct themselves both on and off campus.

I urge all parents to support the College in ensuring your sons'/daughters' are adhering to the College dress code. The uniform dress code is not negotiable. I appreciate it can be difficult as parents to enforce our uniform dress code, at times, with our young people, however, in my experience, standing firm on these issues, will strengthen your sons'/ daughters' capacity to understand that sometimes in life, there are non-negotiable's.

My sincere thanks to all parents, who constantly support the College on uniform matters. We are grateful for your support as it allows the teachers to have quality conversations about your sons' / daughters' learning and their future.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Katherine Argyriou (Year 12) who has received an early offer of a Law/Science Degree through LaTrobe University because of her outstanding results in her VCE+ Program that we offer at Marymede Catholic College as a part of the partnership we have with LaTrobe University. We congratulate Katherine on this distinguished achievement.

It is worth noting that Marymede Catholic College has many partnerships with our local universities and educational institutions enabling our students to participate in higher education and enrichment experiences, making Marymede Catholic College the number one school of choice in the local area.

We are proud of all of our students who show a hunger and desire for success.

Marymede Catholic College Fete – Saturday 22 November 2014

This year's annual Marymede Catholic College Fete will be held on Saturday 22 November. This is a wonderful **community** event which brings us all together to share the fun and activities that only the **largest fete** in the area can offer.

An event of this scale requires plenty of helpers to bring it to life and once again, we are looking for people to join us in 2014. You can help us by:

Donating:

Money and gifts that can be used to raffle or put in a "Silent Auction".

Volunteer:

We only need you to volunteer one hour in support of our Fete and our College Community. Volunteers can assist on:

- Friday 21 November: **Set up**
- Saturday 22 November: **Fete Day**
- Sunday 23 November: **Clean Up**

Families and stall holders as far away as Dingley talk about our Fete. Don't miss out on this exciting community event. "SAVE THE DATE" and contact paf@marymede.vic.edu.au , Nadia Crisp – P& F President or myself to offer your services for our 2014 Marymede Catholic College Fete.

Robyn Roberts
Deputy Principal Secondary

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Student Management Term 3

As our Year 12 students head towards their final weeks of study, there is a need for all hands on deck, parents, students and teachers to promote engagement in learning. Each Year level has been engaged in learning activities off-campus to support their on-campus studies. The student feedback on these activities has been positive, a testament to the organisation and commitment of the facilitating teachers. We love to organise additional activities when the respect and engagement of our students is evident.

Uniform

We are monitoring uniform and grooming daily. Hair should be neatly tied back, skirt length on the knee, no make-up or excess jewellery, etc. All uniform regulations are in our student diary and so that we are instilling pride in appearance we ask that all students and parents support the uniform code.

Marymede Day

In the month of Our Lady, we celebrate our College community on Wednesday August 13. Our Marymede Student Council, under the facilitation of Mr Gavin Van Arkadie, has co-ordinated the events of the day, reflecting the requests of the student body. Our Student Leadership Council has co-ordinated Guild acts for "Marymede's Got Talent", which should prove to be very entertaining. All students are expected to attend the day, absence can only be excused by a medical certificate. Students

should be presented well in Full Winter Uniform for the whole College Mass (P-12), then they can change into Guild PE uniform if they would like to.

Traffic Management And Walkways

All students should use the painted crossings to cross to the oval or soccer pitch, no students should be walking in amidst vehicles.

All traffic should adhere to the direction arrows and use the Yellow zones to pick up /drop off students – do not double park in the carpark or across the walkways.

Speed of vehicles should be walking pace throughout the College grounds and drivers always observant of little and big children.

Student Driver Policy

All Year 12's were taken through this policy this week. Some excerpts of the policy include

a. The safety of all students and members of the Marymede Community is paramount. It is expected that all members of the community follow laws, regulations and policies associated with student safety.

b. Marymede acknowledges that it is the responsibility of parents/legal guardians to ensure that their children abide by laws and regulations associated with 'L' plate and 'P' plate driving.

1.1 Students of Marymede Catholic College are to protect their learning time, therefore appointments for driving lessons and/or driving tests are to be made outside of College hours.

1.2 Upon a student obtaining their probationary license and choosing to drive to and from school he/she must register their vehicle and sign the 'Student Driver Agreement' (Appendix 1).

1.3 Students who drive are expected to follow all state laws and regulations that apply to them. Some are listed here, but this is not exhaustive:

- Zero BAC at all times;
- Must carry their licence at all times;
- May not use any mobile phones through any means including hands free options;
- Can only carry 1 "peer passenger*" (this applies 24 hrs a day)
- Must display the appropriate 'P' plate (red for P1 drivers and green for P2 drivers) on the front and rear of the vehicle, clearly visible from a distance of 20 metres at all times.
- Peer passengers = all people aged between 16 and 22 who are not siblings (including step / foster) of the driver.

Source

<http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/Licences/GetYourPs/RestrictionsOnPs/P1andP2Probationarylicencerestrictions.htm>

1.4 Students who drive to and from school are expected to follow all traffic management signage in and around the College grounds, recognising that this is a P – 12 College with younger

children who can be more unpredictable in their behaviour and as such need road users to exert additional caution at all times.

1.5 Students who drive to and from school are expected to park in the allocated student parking area. If no spaces are available, students must park outside the College grounds.

1.6 Students are not to access their vehicles during the school day, nor depart and return to the College for any unauthorised reasons during the course of the day.

Julia Wake
Head of Secondary School

HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The journey to manhood should not be taken alone!

Growing Good Men
Sons of the Father
a weekend for dads & their teenage sons

...get reconnected!

The relationship between a father and his son is one of the primary and most critical relationships a man will have, particularly in the teenage years. The impact that a father has on his son is profound and defining.

Growing good men is a weekend retreat experience to discuss this relationship and the challenges that the journey to maturity presents to young men. The weekend is open to boys in Years 8, 9 & 10 and their fathers (or other significant male role model >18yo). The weekend will run from the evening of Friday 12th September to the afternoon of Sunday 14th September.

To register your interest and to find out more about the Growing Good Men w/e please contact Ricardo Iuele (Head of Religious Education – Secondary) on Ricardo.iuele@marymede.vic.edu.au

The weekend is facilitated by **menALIVE** www.menalive.org.au and hosted by Marymede Catholic College, South Morang. www.marymede.vic.edu.au

REGISTRATION FORM

The relationship between a FATHER and his SON is one of the primary and most critical relationships a man will have, particularly in the teenage years. The impact that a father has on his son is profound and defining.

Every young man needs to receive a "boost", an "Lift" (weekly series) from his father. He needs to hear with his ears, see with his eyes and believe in his heart. He needs to see the person who he is, as good enough in his father's eyes. Every boy needs the father to give him a sense of male acceptance, affirmation and affection. Sons who don't receive this from their fathers can spend decades trying to prove to themselves and to others that their actions, accomplishments and their character are worthy of their father's approval.

Every man was once a boy. How does a boy learn to become a man? How do I know if I'm a Man and Making a Difference in his world. What happens to those dreams?

How does he come to understand his masculinity? Who will form him, who will lead him, who will inspire him, who will challenge him into the World of MEN?

His FATHERHOOD. That his life challenges with a very different job. Certainly one that cannot be done alone.

How do we Raise Good MEN. Men that are: Altruistic, Real, Courageous, who know their purpose and meaning, who aren't afraid of the unknown, who love for the Queen, who will fight for the State and with Honour and Integrity, stand firm in the faith. The Church and World needs these Good Men. Men who know who they are and what they are here for.

What is the Question that cannot be done alone?

Growing Good Men is a program that invites Fathers and their Sons to walk through these questions.

menALIVE was founded in Brisbane, Australia in late 2003 out of a response to a great need evident in the hearts and lives of the men, menfolk in a clear vision for bringing men to the contemporary world. Since its founding the menALIVE team have met across the Australia and New Zealand for more than 12,000 men.

The menALIVE national Events Ministry in Men has successfully inspired and challenged many men at all ages.

Register now. You will never be the same again.

WHEN? FRIDAY 12 September 2014
commencing at 7.30 pm
SUNDAY 14 September 2014
concluding mid-afternoon

WHERE? Gibwell Park
2593 Leaning Pine Road,
Teesbrook, VIC 3783

MORE INFO?
Contact a member of the team
- online
- After you register, you will be sent further information to help you to prepare for the weekend.

ENTRIES
- Father
- Teen
- 17-18 year old
- 19-24 year old
- 25-34 year old
- 35-44 year old
- 45-54 year old
- 55-64 year old
- 65-74 year old
- 75-84 year old
- 85-94 year old
- 95-104 year old

menALIVE

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SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Early Dismissal

Due to the unavailability of College sporting facilities on the afternoon of Monday August 18, the timetabled Senior Sport lesson for Period 5 has been cancelled. As a result, students in Year 11 and 12 will be dismissed from School at lunchtime (1.23pm).

It is recommended that our VCE students use this time on Monday afternoon as a study period at home.

Outstanding Sport Achievements

Marymede students Joel Grace and Keely Henderson were congratulated in front of the Secondary School for their outstanding achievements in their respective sports. Year 9 student Joel Grace was selected in the Victorian Under 15 AFL Team. Keely Henderson of Year 11 did an outstanding job at the ACS Athletics Carnival setting a new Long Jump record of 5.08 meters. Well done to both.



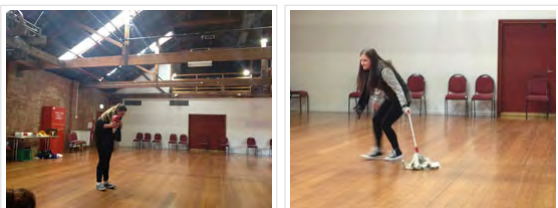
Jordan Sorani
AFL Trainee

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

CEOM Student Wellbeing Drama Festival

On Tuesday June 24, the Year 9 Drama students performed at the CEOM Student Wellbeing Drama Festival at the Whitehorse Centre Nunawading. The judges praised the performers on the content of their performances, awarding them for their effective communication of wellbeing messages and ensemble work.

Thankyou to Miss Kiely and Mr Guzman for supporting the students. Attached are some fantastic photos taken by Mr Guzman.



Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

DAV Debating 2014

The DAV Debating teams were at Loyola College for Round 4 last Monday 21st July. Yet again, the Year 10, 11 and 12 students were faced with 'advised' and 'secret' topics which meant the students found out the topic only one hour prior to the debate. The teams did very well to work under this pressure again, showing a marked improvement in their skills from Round 3. In addition, the Year 8 team worked well to prepare for and deliver outstanding arguments for their debate, being announced winners of the round. Unfortunately, our second Year 8/9 team had to forfeit due to illness. The results were:

- A Grade (Year 12) **Topic:** 'That the Government should provide financial incentive for those who take care of their elderly parents.' Eltham High 1 **220** V Marymede Catholic College 1 **219**
 - B Grade (Year 11) **Topic:** 'That laws about science should only be made by trained scientists.' St. Monica's 1 **224** V Marymede Catholic College 1 **221**
 - C Grade (Year 10) **Topic:** 'That we should re-introduce the death penalty.' Loyola College 3 **224** V Marymede Catholic College 1 **223**
- Best Speaker: Our very own Olivia Hughes**
- D Grade (Year 8) **Topic:** 'That the media should not be allowed to report on the private lives of politicians.' Marymede Catholic College 1 **229** V Montmorency College 1 **228**

Best Speaker: Our very own Ajay Jay

The final round, round 5, will be on Monday August 4 for all teams at Loyola College, Grimshaw Street Watsonia. Please note that Year 11 and 12 teams must arrive at 5:45pm as they will be receiving a secret topic. The Year 10s will have a prepared topic, beginning at 7pm. The Year 8 and 9 teams will be required at 7:45pm. Once again, a sincere thank you to the coaches of the teams who put in a lot of hard work and dedication to ensure their students are ready on the night: Mr. Adrian Montana, Ms. Kathy Vlahusic, Ms. Ashleigh Klar, Ms. Allison Lemar and Mr. Conor Fennell. A big thank you is also extended to the parents who give up their time to drive their children to the event and show their support.

Year 7 And 8 Junior DAV Debating Program

A reminder to the Year 7 and 8 students who signed up for the Junior Competition. The dates are as follows: Thursday September 11; Thursday September 18; Thursday October 9; Thursday October 16. The training and debates will take place at Parade College, Bundoora. More details to follow.

DAV Debating 2014

Our wonderful DAV Debating teams competed for the final round at Loyola College on Monday night August 4. Yet again, our Year 11 and 12 students were faced with 'secret' topics which meant the students found out the topic only one hour prior to the debate. The teams did very well to work under this pressure, indicating a boost in confidence from Round 4, with our Year 11 team victorious. In addition, the Year 10 team worked well to prepare for and deliver outstanding arguments for their debate. Unfortunately, our two Year 8/9 teams did not debate this round due to forfeiture. The results were:

- A Grade (Year 12) **Topic:** 'That we should ban Scientology.' St. Monica's 1 **223** V Marymede Catholic College 1 **220**
- B Grade (Year 11) **Topic:** 'That police should carry guns on the beach.' Marymede Catholic College 1 **225** V Assumption College 1 **222**

Best Speaker: Our very own Nakita Costanzo

- C Grade (Year 10) **Topic:** 'That we should abolish the minimum wage.' Loyola College 2 **227** V Marymede Catholic College 1 **225**

That was the final round for this year's DAV Competition. We will notified shortly whether or not teams have made it through to the finals. Once again, a sincere thank you to the coaches of the teams who put in a lot of hard work and dedication to ensure their students are ready on the night: Mr. Adrian Montana, Ms. Kathy Vlahusic, Ms. Ashleigh Klar and Ms. Allison Lemar. A big thank you is also extended to the parents who give up their time to drive their children to the event and show their support.

If you require any further information on the DAV Debating, please contact me via:

Corinne.niall@marymede.vic.edu.au .

Corinne Niall
Debating Co-ordinator

Enrichment Congratulations for the 2014 Australian Geography Awards and 2014 Australian History Competition

Geography

This year 22 Geography students from Marymede Catholic College tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2014 Australian Geography Competition. Over 70,000 students from 760 schools competed.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following results.

In the Senior Section

High Distinction was awarded to Jacob Franklin

Credit was awarded to Tim Hosking and Luke Utting

In the Intermediate Section

Distinction was awarded to Thomas Johnston and Trent Rebeiro

Credit was awarded to Ajay Jay.



History

This year 18 History students from Marymede Catholic College tested their historical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2014 Australian History Competition. Over 21,000 students competed across the country.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following results.

In the Year 10 section

Distinction was awarded to Brittany Bonello, Ysabel Dungca, Thomas Johnston and Adrian Pieri

Credit was awarded to Robert Cortese

Merit was awarded to Anirudh Suresh Nair

In the Year 8 section

High Distinction was awarded to Ajay Jay, Matthew Kristina

Distinction: Jackson Balaszy, Nivasan Babu Srinivasan, James Manoussakis, Natasha Vu

Credit: Tahlia Thomas

Merit: Chloe di Paolo, Sofia Razal, Dinil Srinath

Congratulations to all these students on their inspiring academic achievement

Our best performer in the Australian History Competition and third overall in Victoria in Year 8 with a High Distinction was Ajay Jay. Well done Ajay.

Congratulations of this stunning achievement in our first year in this competition.

Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking Success

In Term 2, Marymede Catholic College students participated in the Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Competition. Students were required to present in the Junior Section a five minute prepared speech on a set topic and a three minute impromptu speech and in the Senior Section an eight minute prepared speech and a three minute impromptu.

After the state semi-finals, Marymede Catholic College was delighted to have two students competing in the Victorian State Finals, Ajay Jay and Katherine Argyriou.



Marymede Catholic College is very proud to note that it was the only school to have a Junior and Senior State Finalist.

In the Victorian State Finals Marymede Catholic College is very pleased to announce that in the Junior Section Ajay Jay was awarded the Zoos Victoria Promising Speaker Award.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement Ajay.

Marymede Catholic College is also very pleased to announce that in the Senior Section, Katherine Argyriou, our College Debating and Public Speaking Captain for 2014, was declared State Runner Up.

Katherine's performance on the day was polished and poised impressing judges and the audience with her powerful presence and clear presentation of her skills. Congratulations on this splendid performance, Katherine.

Marymede Catholic College salutes both of these students.

Marymede Writers' Festival 2014

Marymede Catholic College presents the 2014 Writers' Festival. In its third year, the Festival hopes to deliver something for the whole College community.

Our speakers include The Nelson Twins, straight from their win on Australia's Got Talent, talking about script-writing and of course, their jokes; David Vincent, a former child soldier, with his challenging story; Annie E. Stewart, an Australian storyteller, and last but certainly not least, is Father Bob Maguire, the larrikin priest who is sure to win the hearts of our South Morang community.

Lunchtime activities for all secondary students include the Marymede Spelling Bee, the 'On the Box' Public Speaking Challenge, the Student vs Staff Debate, with the topic being 'That e-books should be banned', and of course the ancient and noble art of Book Hurling, where students vie for the opportunity to have their name engraved for posterity on the Marymede Book Hurling Shield (books are supplied).

In conjunction with this event, the Marymede Writing Prize is launched. The categories are Short Story, 50-word Story, Feature Article, and this year as a new category, Script Writing. Entries close August 15, 2014. Prizes include \$50 for the winner of each category and \$ 100 for the overall winner. Many thanks to Mrs Vicki Bunce, Ms Serena Delphin, and Ms Salam Ismail for selecting the winners. Results will be announced at the final Secondary Assembly for Term 3.

Moira Christie
Head of English

Legacy Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday July 22, 2014, Alec Prestia-Cook (Year 9) and Jacob Kalapurackel (Year 8) competed in the annual Legacy Public Speaking Competition, representing Marymede Catholic College. Alec spoke about the importance of unity in society, and Jacob spoke about the unsung hero. The impromptu topic was 'My Favourite Letter of the Alphabet'. All students found this a challenging task. Other schools that competed were Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg, and Parade College, Bundoora. Both Marymede students presented beautifully and represented the College with style. Thank you to both boys for taking up the challenge that these competitions provide.

Laura Wilcox
Secondary Teacher

Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion

On Wednesday July 23 the Year 11 Legal Studies students together with some of our Italian Exchange Students visited the Marngoneet Correctional Centre, a medium security prison in Lara (70km out of Melbourne). The program allows students to have group conversations with the prisoners nearing the end of their sentence. Over a 50 minute session 2-4 prisoners shared with a group of 12 students their life experiences including the mistakes that led them to prison, we spoke to criminals who have committed crimes such as murder, commercial drug trafficking and armed robbery. The experience was a fantastic way for us to conclude our Criminal Law studies. On behalf of the attending students, I would like to thank Ms. Esposito for organising the trip, Ms. Hack for accompanying us and the college for allowing the trip to go ahead.

George Baini
Year 11 Legal Studies Student



The excursion helped students gain a better understanding of the justice system; from being charged with a crime, through the decision-making processes and finally to freedom or punishment. The purpose of the program from the Correctional Centre's point of view, is to facilitate a forum where "students are able to further their knowledge of modern correctional issues".

I would like to thank the Year 11 Legal students for their enthusiasm and participation on the day.

Carla Esposito
Year 11 Legal Studies Teacher

Media

On July 30 the Year 11 Media class along with the Italian exchange students, Mr Guzman and Mr Janevski (a pre-service teacher from La Trobe) travelled into the city to be a part of the Family Feud live studio audience. This excursion was organised to show us how a TV program was run behind the scenes and to give us a real life example of all the different media roles we had been learning about in class.

We travelled into the city by bus and then caught a tram to Global Television Studios in Southbank. As we were ushered in to our seats, we were all buzzing with excitement as most, if not all, of us had never been to a taping of a game show. The set was well lit and looked so much better than it does on TV. The Audience MC, Russell Fletcher, welcomed us and explained what would be going on throughout the day and how everything was run in the studio. It was very surreal to be in the audience knowing that the show would be going to air one day. Grant Denyer got introduced to us and before we knew it the show had started. Throughout the taping it was evident that every crewmember was well organised and had an important role to play in making sure the show ran smoothly.

It was extremely fun to be a part of the audience. Russell would signal us when to clap and what to say. The show was very entertaining and everyone there was happy, creating a positive vibe. The two or so hours flew past but it was a rewarding experience. We were able to see exactly how a television show should be run and what roles everyone plays in doing that.

I myself learnt a lot about the media industry just through this excursion and it has really opened my eyes as to how the world of TV works. To top off a great day, Mr Guzman mentioned to Russell that it was my birthday so everyone in the studio sang Happy Birthday for me. It was without a doubt the best excursion I have been on at Marymede Catholic College.



Peter McGarvey
Year 11 Media student

VCAL MORNING TEA

The Year 11 students doing VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) provided a morning tea for the visiting Italian Exchange students and their homestay host on Thursday July 24. In all, there were 30 students with the school leadership team including the Principal, Mr D'Astoli and the Deputy Principal, Mrs Roberts, the Heads of Guild, LOTE and VCAL teachers. The morning tea had an Australian theme. The VCAL students decorated their room in Australia's colours and the flag. The Italian students were given the opportunity to sample Australian food and talk to the Marymede students and staff. From all accounts, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the hospitality. Currently, the VCAL students are writing up their report based on their observations. This is a work requirement.

The photo below shows the VCAL students and teachers with the Italian Exchange students.

Hayley Vesetas and Claire Cuschieri
Year 11 VCAL Students

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

Drop Off And Pick Up Zones Via Gate E And Gate F

On July 28 the new drive through and use of Gates E and F was commenced. It is wonderful to have such an efficient system operating at Marymede Catholic College that enhances the flow of traffic in and around the school. On the map that was provided in the last newsletter, two very distinct areas for drop-off and pick-up were identified. One is alongside the soccer pitch and the other is on the northern side of the basketball court. If you have been in the habit of dropping-off or picking-up children near the Fitness Centre can you please now move to the new designated areas. By doing so you will be enabling a steady flow of traffic to the designated areas that are designed for drop-off and pick-up of students. Students have been informed of the new arrangements and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this new practice with your children. In future there should be no children being dropped off at the Fitness Centre or waiting at the Fitness Centre for collection after school.

Making Healthy Eating Choices

Children should eat a wide range of foods so that they have the energy for learning and growing. A 'traffic light' system is in place on our canteen menu to assist you in making healthy choices when placing your orders. Good nutrition and regular physical activity are important to the all-round growth and development of your child and teachers regularly reinforce elements of healthy lifestyles with the students.

The traffic light system used on our canteen menu is as follows:

- 'Everyday Foods' – Green foods are great foods
- 'Select Carefully' foods – Amber is OK, but not everyday!
- 'Occasionally' foods – Red in moderation

The following suggestion comes from the Royal Children's Hospital. You may like to go to this site to gain more information about the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise for your child.

[http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Eating_tips_for_children_\(5\)_primary_school](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Eating_tips_for_children_(5)_primary_school)

Suggestions include:

- Children need a variety of different foods each day.
- Snacks are an important part of a healthy diet for active children.
- Make snacks nutritious, not just high in energy.
- Plan to share meals as a family.
- Enjoy talking and sharing the day's happenings at mealtimes.
- Let children tell you when they're full.
- Give your child lunch to take from home.

- Let children help with food preparation and meal planning.
- Encourage physical activities for the whole family.
- Encourage children to drink plain water.

National Days

Macedonia Republic Day



The Day of the Republic is a major national holiday of the Republic of Macedonia . It is celebrated on 2 August, which is also a major religious holiday (*Ilinden* or St. Elijah day), according to the Julian Calendar . It commemorates the Ilinden Uprising of 1903 and the first Assembly of ASNOM in 1944

August 9

Singapore National Day



The National Day of Singapore is celebrated every year on August 9th, in commemoration of the Singapore's independence from Malaysia in the year 1965. This holiday features a National Day Parade , an address by the Prime Minister of Singapore , and fireworks celebrations .

August 15

India Independence Day



Independence Day, observed annually on 15 August, is a national holiday in India commemorating the nation's independence from United Kingdom on 15 August 1947.

August 31

Malaysian National Day



31 August 1957 marks the day that the Federation of Malaya gained its independence from British colonization, forming what we know of today as Malaysia. 31 August is a National Public Holiday to commemorate and celebrate the freedom and independence gained.

Alison Besselaar
Acting Head of Primary

HEAD OF PRIMARY TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Wonder Of Living Family Enrichment Program

Years 5 and 6 Parent and Child Sexuality Education Information Night

The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program is coming to Marymede to offer a parent/child information night on the topic of sexuality education for students in Year 5 & 6. The purpose is to encourage good communication between parents and children about these important topics. It will be conducted by Open Doors Education, an ecumenical Christian non-profit organisation. Open Doors is also the creator of the Wonder of Living DVD series which is used during the sessions. This value-based, family friendly series is recommended by the Melbourne Catholic Education Office. Open Doors has an excellent reputation for its sensitive, engaging presentation of this program in schools.

This presentation program, based upon the DVD series Wonder of Living, has been running very successfully in Catholic schools for many years as it supports the parent as the primary educator, promotes values about human sexuality and relationships which are compatible with a Catholic world view and provides information to children in a sensitive age appropriate manner.

The Wonder of Living DVD series has been produced by Open Doors and is recommended in the Melbourne Archdiocese publication for schools Growing Together in Life and Love. The DVDs build knowledge and concepts sequentially from development and birth of the baby through to puberty. Both these resources will be used by Year 5 and 6 classroom teachers when delivering the Health and Human Development curriculum in Term 4.

Open Doors are providing presentations for Parents and Children together. Marymede College strongly encourages all parents of children in Year 5 and 6 to attend one of the Parent/child workshops offered. The Parent/child sessions will run for approximately 1hr and 15mins, and be held on Thursday August 21 at 5.00pm and 7.00pm, upstairs in the new VCE Wing (located behind Founders Building)

A letter outlining the session in more detail has been sent home to all families with children in Years 5 and 6. Parents are asked to send back the return slip so we can be prepare for the expected number of people attending.

Nicole Pegler
Head of Primary Teaching and Learning

PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

First Eucharist 2014

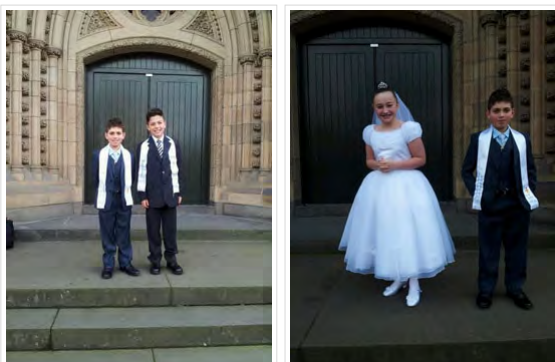
Congratulations to our students who celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist last Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral. Well done to all the students who participated and thanks also to the Year 4 teachers (Aisling Gormley, Anna Williams, Norah Jacombs, Tanja Russo, Maj O'Neill, James Ferguson and also Marina Vanis for their support not just for the ceremony, but for

preparing the children for First Eucharist and the important step they have made in their faith journey.

The setting was amazing, the children were beautifully presented and were exceptional; a credit to all families involved. I am sure the memories that the children take away will last a lifetime. Very few of us get the opportunity to say "I made my First Communion at the Cathedral." It was great that we were able to have Fr. Maurie Cooney, our College Chaplain, in addition to the Most Reverend Archbishop Denis Hart DD. preside over this sacred ceremony. A truly memorable experience.

A big thank you to Kevin Carville, for singing the prayers and responses during the ceremony. Kevin also led our choir who did an amazing job. The Secondary Liturgical Choir have dedicated numerous hours to rehearsing and gave up their time on the day to make it a special celebration for our students. Another thank you must be given to a number of other staff, both Primary and Secondary who assisted on the day and in the lead up to the event. Rosemary Bennett, Julia Wake, Laetitia Malusu, Alison Besselaar, Gerard Large, Linda Preziuso, Steve Wintrip, Kaylene Wright, Michael Pahoff, and Leanne Easdon. Without the help of dedicated people and their support, the day would not have been the same.

John Travers Photography were hired as the professional photographers for the occasion, and have taken a photo of every child receiving their First Communion, and a group photo. To view images on the John Travers website go to www.johntraversphoto.com.au, and follow the instructions using the password communicated on the photo order form. Images are available for viewing after Thursday July 24.



Sacrament Of Reconciliation 2014

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place at the College Chapel held in 4 services over 2 nights. September 3 and 4 at 5pm and 7pm each night.

This sacrament is a sign and experience of God's unconditional forgiveness. We are called to be one people united with Christ and one another. Sadly, in our weakness this unity is often ruptured through failures to love (i.e. we sin). Yet God's love for us does not cease when we fail. By expressing our sorrow for our sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we experience forgiveness and healing. Our relationship with God and our unity as Church is made whole again.

Reconciliation can be offered in two ways;

- First Rite: A one-to-one interaction with the priest, in the reconciliation room ('confessional') which is located in the church.
- Second Rite: A communal ceremony which also includes a brief one-to-one interaction with the priest as sins are confessed and absolved.

Reconciliation is a sacrament which can be celebrated repeatedly throughout one's life and indeed Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament frequently. They are obliged to receive this sacrament at least once a year.

In our school Catholic children usually make their First Reconciliation in Year 3. They prepare for this through the Sacramental Program embedded within the RE curriculum at school and through participation in the family workshop.

A letter will go home with all students in Year 3 which asks you to indicate if you are wanting your child to participate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and to nominate which family workshop you will come to so we are aware of how many people will be attending.

Family Workshops For Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Tuesday August 12 at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

The date and time of the actual First Reconciliation will be allocated according to preferences. We will do our best to accommodate preferences but need to distribute children evenly according to the number of priests available at each session.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

September 3 at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and September 4 at 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Nicole Pegler
Head of Primary Faith & Mission

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Basketball

Congratulations to the Junior Basketball male and female teams on winning the Bridge Inn round of Hooptime on the 25/7. Our Premier Teams both went through the day undefeated and now progress to the 2nd round on October 8 in Term 4.

Thanks to the great dedication of our Coaches Mr Scott Bryne and Ms Aisling Gormley. They moulded and trained their teams since early term 2. Many of the players have developed their skills from an early age through the participation of the

Marymede Flames Basketball Club and our school's success is also a credit to the Club's program.

It was a tremendous day for our school community with so many parents and siblings coming to support the team. Thank you to all who attended and especially to those who scored.



Guild News

Last Friday many students and parents braved the cold and got some great exercise on Walk to School Day. The results have been added and the Current Guild Ladder is;

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



Skiing Success

Gabi Toti from Year 4 enjoyed success by winning the Anton Huetten Alpine skiing competition recently.



Athletics Clinic

On Friday August 29 the Grade 1's and 2's will take part in a short Athletic Clinic from the Northern Stars Little Athletics Club. Please refer to the flyer attached. All students are to wear their sports uniform.

Gerard Large
Head of Sport and Guild

Mathematics Today

An investigation to do at home.

Weigh 1 litre of water. How heavy is it?

Fill a bucket of water to the brim – so no more water will fit - how much water overflows when a can of tomatoes is gently placed into it? (or any other full can)

Can you construct a container which will hold exactly 1 litre? (You may need to line it with a plastic bag before testing it)

Kaylene Wright
Head of Numeracy

Character Parade -Primary School

We will be celebrating Book Week at Marymede Catholic College in the Primary School during the week beginning Monday August 16 until Friday August 22.

To complete our celebration of Book Week will be having a Character Parade for all year levels Prep to 6 on Friday August 22 from 11:35 until approximately 1:15pm periods 3 & 4.

The staff and students would love to see parents and family members attend on this day. The students will be parading with their buddy grades except for year 6 as follows:

Period 3 11:35 – 12:20 approximately Years 1, 3 and 6

Period 4 12:30-1:15 approximately Years Prep, 4 and Years 2 and 5

This year's theme is 'Connect to Reading'. Connect to reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds.

Students can dress up according to their own personal choice of a book character. Please encourage them to dress up as a

book character rather than just making it a costume parade or a super hero parade.

You are welcome to attend both sessions if you wish.

Please feel free to contact me or your child's classroom teacher or the Primary School Office if you have any further questions.

Maree Mullen

Head of Primary Literacy and the Book Week Committee

Reading Stars

50 Nights

Zac Cangialosi, Tiana Trampevski, Benjamin McCabe, Naithan Thomas, Carla Vermeulen, Remy Judkins, Talia Ardesi, Eyobel Moges, Stephanie Halkidis, Shangeh Ahmadi, Mia Lazzara, Ruth Gebremichael, Mia Pegoraro, Jamie Resta, Noah Alberti, Katia Alipan, Luke D'Agostino, Matthew Elkomos, Lara Flammea, Jovia Joseph Jeyasinghe, Gemma MacDonald, Mollie MacDonald, Ava Petrides, Fiona Polifroni, Manas Regi, Donna Roy, Joshua Sadza, Umairan Thievanesan, Max Trajkovski, Ria Valder, Marcus Vinci

100 Nights

James Pampanella, Cara Fasciani, Alyssa Fasciani, Angelina Varghese, Caleb Aquilina, Sabastian Sapazovski, Ayan Bakshi, Isabella Brice, Jacqueline Misquitta, Ned Bokhaazi, Mia Sirianni, Tori Sinni, Isaac Gvero, Alan Stojanoski, Ryan Cholakovski, Toby Pinney, Sukham Aulakh, Marei MicGinty, Luciana Pastrana Martinez

150 Nights

Kristian Guilliano, Alicia Reidy, Annaliese Alateras

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2014 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be excluded from this, you can choose to opt-out of the data collection by informing us in writing.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) website

<http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/>

Head Lice

We have received a number of reported cases of head lice in the Primary School. As a precautionary measure, I urge all parents to check your child's hair. Please ensure that if your child has head lice they are treated and all eggs are removed. If the eggs haven't been removed they will continue to hatch. Advice and assistance on head lice is available from the City of Whittlesea Council's Public Health Section on 9217 2277. Additionally, "Treating and Controlling Head Lice" pamphlets can be ordered from the Department of Human Services or accessed on their website at

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/>

Meaghan Voumard and Maria Stathakis
College Nurses

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede would like to welcome and acknowledge the new students and families who recently commenced with us in Term 3:

Marcus Pereira – Year 10

Joshua Youssef – Year 2

Joseph Youssef – Year 4

Open Day and Creativity Festival 2014

Marymede's Open Day & Creativity Festival 2014 will be held on Sunday August 31. We anticipate this year's Open Day to be even bigger and better than last year whilst our Creativity Festival gives children an opportunity to learn new concepts, have fun and be as creative as possible through a range of interesting displays and FREE interactive workshops. We encourage all families to visit the College on Open Day. Further details regarding the Open Day & Creativity Festival including the list of free workshops can be found by visiting www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/openday2014.



OPEN DAY
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TOURS EVERY 45 MINUTES!
- FIRST TOUR AT 11AM LAST TOUR AT 2PM

CREATIVITY FESTIVAL
FREE CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS
- OVER 10 WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM INCLUDING MUSIC, ART, DRAMA, SPORT, SCIENCE AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!!!

MARYMEDE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN DAY & CREATIVITY FESTIVAL
- VISIT US AND EXPERIENCE OUR COLLEGE FIRST HAND
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 12PM

AUGUST 31, 2014
11.00AM - 3.00PM

60 WILLIAMSONS ROAD, SOUTH MORANG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MARYMEDECATHOLICCOLLEGE PH: 9407 9000

New College Website

A mobile device version of the new College website is anticipated to be up and running from Monday August 11.

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 Prep have since closed with acceptances having been submitted to the College. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of students into pPrep in 2015. Details regarding the orientation and transition program will be sent to families in the coming months.

Applications for Year 7 2016 are now open and will close on February 27, 2015. In the coming months, current Year 6 students will be sent home an Intention Form which will need to be completed and returned to the College. The Intention Form is different to the 'Application for Enrolment' form. Current Year 6 families will only be required to fill in the Intention Form.

We will be in contact with families shortly regarding the transition process for Year 7 2015, which will take place in the coming months. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of families into Secondary School in 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

Marymede Catholic College is now taking bookings for our chartered Bus service in Semester 2. In Semester 1 we ran three chartered buses to and from the College each day. This is continuing in Semester 2. Bus passes are available at a cost of \$575 (Semester 2 daily AM and PM run), or \$330 (Semester 2 daily AM **OR** PM run). These will be allocated to students on a first come, first serve basis. Additionally casual passes will be available subject to availability at \$4 each way. Bus timetables and routes can be found on our College Website. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

Matthew Luczek
Registrar