From the Co-Principals

**WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4**
Two weeks into term and all programs are in full swing. Once again student and staff engagement with the learning program is a highlight of the school day, and is especially notable as we conduct tours of the school for prospective students and their families, and for visitors to the College. It is particularly pleasing for us as visitors are enthusiastically welcomed and engaged, a fine example of the way the Core Value of “Welcome All” is an authentically lived value within the community.

**CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE FOR AUSTRALIA’S FIRST SAINT**
The 17th of October marks the four-year anniversary since the canonisation of Australia’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. She was “an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. She was a woman who dared to love. She knew that God loved her and she responded to this love with confidence and courage” (sydneycatholic.org). It is this response out of love that continues to inspire people today, who recognise that working for the promotion of human dignity and integrity is the act of love that God calls us to make. How do we respond to this call? Remember Mary Mackillop was an ordinary woman whose extraordinariness came about because of who she was to others – we do not have to be extra-ordinary to respond to God’s call.

**SYNOD OF THE FAMILY**
It has been a historic time in Rome as the Bishops gathered for their first meeting to discuss family-related issues. The message from Pope Francis has been heartening as he encourages openness and recognises the challenge of the Church to “find a middle path between doctrine and reality”.

Pope Francis has exercised strong leadership in breaking open issues that are contentious and have the potential to set the Church against people of faith. With honesty and transparency, rather than ignoring real issues, Pope Francis has invited dialogue and discussion and the paper prepared as a result of this first synod will support further dialogue as the bishops “now still have a year to mature, with true spiritual discernment, the proposed ideas and to find concrete solutions to many difficulties and innumerable challenges that families face.” (http://ncrelative.org/news/vatican/synod-report-narrows-open-tone-pope-calls-middle-path)

Leaders at all levels at Marian College are particularly inspired by the notion of servant leadership, where those of us in leadership positions understand that our role as leaders is in the service of others. During the Synod Pope Francis also referenced servant leadership stating, “The pope, in this context, is not the supreme lord but the supreme servant – the servus servorum Dei [the servant of the servants of God]; the guarantor of obedience and conformity of the church to the will of God, the Gospel of Christ, and the tradition of the church,” he said. In deliberating the issues that impact the shape of families the pope and the bishops are the servants of God and the Gospel of Christ, and contemplation of what this means should inform continued discussion of themes raised in the Synod. It is an inspiring time to be a member of this great Catholic tradition.

**PRAYER:**

**Graduation Blessing**

*For our Graduating class of 2014*

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your Mother’s womb, God named you. At your birth, God’s breath filled you with life.

Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray,

God of our beginnings,
We thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence.

Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit.

Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light.

We ask this blessing upon each of them, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**EVENTS:**

**OCTOBER**

- Awards Evening
- 24th
- Stand Up Against Poverty Day
- 25th
- Saturday Detention
- 27th
- Study day for Yr 11 students completing Unit 4 Exams
- 28th
- Sudanese Parents Information Session - 5:00pm - 6:15pm
- 29th
- Year 10 Adventure Sports Camp
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- 2013 Alumni
- 30th
- Year 10 Adventure Sports Camp
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- 31st
- Year 10 Adventure Sports Camp
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- Yr 11 Last day for submission of work (semester 2)
- SATs in the Arts and Technology may be returned to Students
- SAC results for Unit 4 Due
- Marian News: Issue 17

**NOVEMBER**

- 3rd
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- Correction Day
- 4th
- Melbourne Cup - School Closed

*Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals*
Faith and Mission

It is difficult to comprehend that next week will mark the end of our Year 12 students’ formal time at Marian College, with only their exams and final celebration ahead. Marian College has worked hard to develop graduates that are confident and aspiring young woman. Each one of them is like a candle with a flame that is lighting their way, making the path bright for them and those that come behind, although the path may be rocky, inspiring and maybe little scary. Jesus said ‘Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.’ (Luke 12:7) This was to indicate that God looks after all creatures even the little sparrow which shows how much more does he care about us. We are all strengthened by the love of God and it encourages us to be more than we are at this present moment. It isn’t only God that strengthens, but also the friends, families, teachers and others that have been there to support the Year 12 students through this year. May we all take the time to appreciate and give thanks to the people around us, for the time spent, the experiences shared and the conversations had.

“Do everything in a spirit of love and you will not find your hands empty at Journey’s end” Bishop Daniel Delany

Mary-Lou Towns - Assistant to the Co-Principal - Faith and Mission

Student Wellbeing

PAUL DILLON – PARENT FORUM

On Wednesday 8th October the school welcomed to our community Paul Dillon – a well known and respected speaker in the area of Alcohol and Drug Education.

He spoke to our Year 10 and 11 students during the day and then held a parent forum in the evening.

In his presentation to the students he spoke to them about the ways that they can look after each other if they do go out to parties or gatherings and they ways that can stay safe. It is worth noting that the majority of students at these levels are non-drinkers.

His messages were very clear and simple and positively received by the girls who felt that his messages were one’s that they could learn to live by as they grow up.

His message to the parents was a little different in that he presented the most recent and up to date statistics and he outlined the importance of setting clear and achievable boundaries for their daughters. Sometimes “tough love” is necessary to delay students from having their first drinking experience. This helps in increasing a young person’s life expectancy dramatically even if we can delay their first drinking experience by 6 months.

We will continue to explore ways that we can keep our parent community up to date with the most recent research and how we can continue to work with our parents at keeping our students and daughters as safe as possible in the world of the 21st Century.

In future additions of the Marian we will publish our focus for the Parent Forums in 2015 and how these forums link closely to the work that is going on in our Pastoral Care classes from in Years 7-12.

SELECTION OF LAMP BEARERS FOR 2015

With the final day of our Year 12 cohort approaching for 2014, we are very much into our process of the selection of our Lamp Bearers or School Captains for 2015.

Students who attended our Leadership Day on the 15th September were given the opportunity to formally write an application for Lamp Bearer using the selection criteria.

From these applications, 7 students from Year 11 have been interviewed this week by the Co-Principals and myself. Over the past week the staff and the students in the Year 11 were given the opportunity to vote for their preference of Lamp Bearer. The Lamp Bearers for 2015 will be revealed to the community for the first time next Wednesday 22nd October, which is the last day for our Year 12’s. At the Celebration Day Assembly the Lamp is officially handed over to the new Lamp Bearers from the 2014 Lamp Bearers Jessica and Kathy.

We look forward to informing you in the next edition of the Marian our Lamp Bearers and Year 12 Student Representative Council Members for 2015.

AWARDS NIGHT – THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

All students receiving an Award at our Annual Awards Evening on Thursday 23rd October should have received a letter inviting them to the night.

In 2014, for the first time, we have invited the Year 12 cohort to attend the Awards Night and be formally recognised in front of our parent community.

Each student in the Year 12 cohort was individually sent an invitation for this evening and in some instances students may have also received the award winner’s letter.

We look forward to this evening and all members of our parent community are most welcome to attend.

If you would like tickets please do not hesitate to ring the school and register your request with Dorothy Guiney. We will then process your order and pass your tickets onto your daughter before the night.

We will acknowledge all of our Award Winners in the next edition of the Marian News.

Kerrie Williams - Assistant to the Co-Principals – Student Wellbeing
Learning and Teaching

SUBJECT SELECTION UPDATE
The Year 11 and 12, 2015 subject selection information has now been made available for students. If any girls wish to change their selections they must collect and submit a Subject Change Form which is available from the Teaching and Learning Office. Please be advised that changes will only be made where there is a justifiable reason provided and where there is availability based on numbers and blocks.

END OF YEAR EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS
At this time of year, students should be focused upon final examinations and assessments for the year. The VCAA Examination Period for our Year 12s and other students studying Unit 3/4 Studies commences on 29 October. We encourage all of those students to continue to study hard to achieve the best possible results on these very important exams. We wish our students all the best and look forward to hearing of their successes.

For Year 9, 10 and 11 students, Semester 2 Examinations should be a priority and all students should have embarked upon a planned program of revision to ensure they achieve to potential. We emphasise the importance of these examination results to all Year 9, 10 and 11 students. Not only are these results included in the Semester 2 reports, but they will also be used to recognise academic excellence. Exam results will also be considered as we continue to follow up with students on subject selection and pathways for 2015.

Year 10 and 11 Examinations will be held from Tuesday 11 November to Monday 17 November, with three sessions each day, except on Tuesday 11 November, where there are extended English Examinations. Please note that students are not required at school when they do not have an examination scheduled. However, a supervised study room is available during all examination sessions.

At Marian College we are firmly focused continuously improving our academic standards, providing our students have the best possible opportunities beyond school. Regardless of the year level, it is important that parents encourage and support their daughters to apply themselves in an organised and dedicated manner to their studies. Every student should finish the year feeling satisfied with their achievements.

YEAR 11 AND 12 BYOD (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE) POLICY 2015
A BYOD Program will commence in 2015 whereby students in Year 11 and 12 will be able to bring their own approved personal device to school and be connected to the College wireless internet. The purpose of the program is to ensure that students access their preferred device and thereby personalise the learning experience at Marian College.

BYOD allows students to use the device with which they are most familiar and, therefore, provides an opportunity for independent and individualised learning. Our research shows that when students have a variety of devices they find that one may work better than another at different tasks. Students will learn, as they may need to in their future careers, how best to adapt their devices to the task at hand.

Using mobile devices that go from school to home creates a different relationship between the student and the school, and between the student and her self-identity as a learner. BYOD provides students and teachers with the opportunity to continue to move towards personalised learning, differentiated teaching strategies and a focus on the learning; not the device. It is important for all of us, students, parents and teachers to realise that technology is simply a tool and not an end in itself. As such, it should be used to enhance the learning experience; not replace it.

PROGRAM FOR 2015
In 2015, Year 11 and 12 students will be able to continue to use their existing College-owned laptop as part of our 1:1 program. In addition, students will have the option to also bring one approved personal device to school which will be registered for access to the College wireless internet. This will mean that each student will potentially have two devices enabled to be connected to the College wireless internet, the College-owned laptop and the nominated and approved personal device.

Students who choose to bring an approved personal device to be connected to the College wireless internet, and who believe they will make only limited use of the College laptop for their studies, are encouraged to return their College-owned laptop to the College at the end of 2014. Students need to be aware that if they return their College-owned laptop they will not have access to the College network and storage via their personal device. Some particular VCE subjects will also require the use of some programs which are currently provided on the College laptop – the College licences do not allow for the programs to be loaded on student owned devices.

Those students permanently returning their College laptop by the end of 2014 will not be charged for any repairs required for this device.

Paul Familiar & Jane Goddard - Assistants to the Co-Principals - Learning and Teaching
**VCE**

**VCE EXAMS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

Students completing Unit 3/4 studies have examinations to complete in October and November.

For students completing Language and Performing Arts Subjects:
- VCAA Oral and Performance exams are from Monday 6 October to Sunday 2 November
For all Students completing Unit 3/4 Sequences:
- VCAA End of Year Examinations are from Monday 29 October to Wednesday 19 November.

The timetables for all these exams can be found on the VCAA Website:

All students completing a Unit 3/4 Sequence have been given:
- an individual timetable specifying the date, time and place of each exam;
- a copy of the VCE Exam Navigator 2014 - detailing the examination rules, approved materials and exam timetable.

The VCE Exam Navigator can also be found on the VCAA Website:

We wish all our students well as they prepare for their exams.

*Anne Daunt - VCE Coordinator*

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**The Arts**

**DESIGN EDUCATION**

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**LOTE**

**YEAR 7 INDONESIAN**

Welcome to Term 4 Indonesian. Students have been introduced to vocabulary related to ‘Zoo Animals’ in preparation for their Zoo Excursion. Students have focused on learning about the names of the animals, their colour description as well as habitats. Students filled in a worksheet using Indonesian language during their experience at Werribee Zoo.

Students are also learning new vocabulary and sentence structures using various grammatical components focusing on ini (this), itu (that), questioning techniques using ‘apa’ and berapa’. The main focus this term is classroom conversation and objects. Students will be encouraged to use ICT creatively for writing scripts and to make a movie.

We would like to welcome Pak Brent Pelton to Marian College. If you see him please greet him with ‘Selamat Datang’ (Welcome). Pak Brent is replacing Ibu Trina whilst she is on Long Service Leave throughout term 4. We hope Ibu Trina takes this time to thoroughly enjoy her break.

*Veronika Petanic - Indonesian Teacher*
**Year 8 News**

**YEAR 8 MIDNIGHT ZOO**
**LEARNING ABOUT THE INJUSTICES IN OUR WORLD.**

In this Semester students from Year 8 were given the book ‘The Midnight Zoo,’ a novel based on World War II. This novel gave us insight on the impact of war on animals in need of hope and their surrounding environments. This novel was structured to have no real solution throughout the whole book, teaching us of the reality of warfare. ‘The Midnight Zoo’ was used as a guide to understand each animal’s perspectives on the brutality of World War II and to discover each animal’s emotions and moral message given in the novel.

First we had activities that would help us to have a brief understanding of each animal’s perspective. This allowed us to be able to intricately put ourselves in the shoes of the animals. By putting on these shoes we also exposed ourselves to the hardships and challenges these animals faced in World War II but also in today’s society. We were given an option on which animals perspective we wanted to take on and by doing this we also had to pick a prompt that we feel we wanted to prove. We picked the prompt ‘a mother would do anything for their child; a mother without their child is helpless’ and ‘all living things are affected by war’ and we both took on the lioness’ perspective. We had a hands-on activity to create a mask of the animals we wanted to portray and how we imaged the lioness to look like. It was our job to look back at the story and connect it with the morals of today and be able to persuade the audience in an oral format about our prompt.

Lishika’s prompt was ‘a mother would do anything for their child; a mother without their child is helpless.’ She decided to create her speech based on the emotions of the lioness. Inspired by the lioness, she wrote her monologue representing the strong connections from a lioness’ mother to her cubs. Lishika used the lioness’ perspective to create an emotional aspect that only be understood by a mother. In ‘The Midnight Zoo,’ the lioness begins to connect with three young children that have also experienced the loss of their mother. Lishika writes about the connections that have been gained throughout the book and the losses that the characters have experienced. A quote that inspired the monologue was, “you can only take a cub from a den. But before you do that, you must deal with the cub’s mother who will fight to protect her infant without any care for her own life”. Ishara’s prompt was ‘all living things are affected by war’. The inspiration comes from the book where the animals talk of the war and the resistance of the village as ‘children playing a grown up game.’ She connected this with the quote by the boar ‘each of you [humans] lives in a fever of selfishness and destruction’ but that ‘fever of selfishness and destruction’ lives in those with the intention of completing the goal of war without a care of people like the lioness. Working into this Ishara used the stories reality to prove that ‘all living things are affected by war.’

This experience helped us to understand the world in an animal’s view. As a class we talked about the injustices of the world and connected it to the novel. This experience helped us to be able to take on board all angles in a story and put these skills into our lives. By creating the mask we had a creative connection to the image implanted in our heads by reading the novel and with the help of this image we were also able to have a more defined connection with our chosen animal. Although this task has come to an end we will not forget the moral messages in this story that we discovered during this task.

By Lishika Perera and Ishara Ranasinghe, 8 Anthony

**YEAR 8 LUNCH TIME HOMEWORK HELP**
Throughout this year, students at year 8 have had the opportunity to seek assistance with their homework at lunch times. Each day of the week, a teacher/s has been allocated to be on duty for any students needing help. Please encourage your daughters to seek this assistance if you find they are having difficulty completing tasks at home.

**Community News**

![Marian College students who graduated in years]

are invited to attend a special reunion gathering to renew friendships and reminisce about their time at Marian College.

Please join us on Saturday 22nd November 2014 3-4pm in the Gymnasium for the Art Exhibition opening followed by a tour of the College.

RSVP: janette@marianacatholic.edu.au or phone 4068 1711
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