From the Co-Principals

YEAR 12 CELEBRATIONS

Whilst we approach the conclusion of the Year 12 academic year with a degree of caution as we worry about how students will look after themselves and each other throughout their celebrations, this sense of caution does not carry through to our expectations of their behaviour here at the College as they partake in the festivities. Once again, the girls rise to the occasion and the behaviour of the Year 12 students has been exemplary. They celebrated with each and with staff in a joyful and respectful way, enjoying great company, remembering good times and feasting on a wonderful breakfast provided by the hospitality students.

We are grateful for the work of Ms Simone Cymbalak, Mrs Jenny Stafford, the Senior Mentor Teachers and all of the subject teachers for their work with the students over the course of the year and as they prepared them for them for this coming examination period. They go with our blessings and best wishes for every success.

AWARDS NIGHT

Awards Night was another huge success. The celebration of gifts within the student community continues to reinforce the importance of the Brigidine Core Values to Marian College. This year for the first time we also invited the entire Year 12 cohort and they were recognised formally as a group in front of the whole school community. It was a very significant way to acknowledge the contributions of the cohort and to offer them farewell from all at Marian.

Our thanks go to Ms Kerrie Williams and the Awards Planning Committee, the Performing Arts Department and Ms Mary Louise Towns and the Liturgy Group for their preparation of a wonderful event for 900 staff, students and parents.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our Lamp Bearers, Delia Micallef and Gemma Tuddenham, and our Year 12 Student Representative Council members for 2015, Alana Moretti and Natalie Saunders.

After a rigorous selection process, involving students and staff, written applications and interviews with members of the leadership team, these young women stood out as living the Brigidine Core Values in their daily life at the College. We were spoilt for choice as we had a group of 15 students who were eligible to apply and who contributed to a wonderful leadership development day at the Brigidine Ministries Centre at Albert Park. After providing written applications seven girls were short-listed for interview. All of these students are proud members of the Marian College community who make wonderful contributions to the ongoing life of the school.

It is timely and appropriate that we acknowledge the contribution of our outgoing Lamp Bearers Kathy Tran and Jessica Thuy Tran. These girls have been exemplary role models for the student body and have contributed their time, talent and energy to various events and activities at the College. In particular, their contribution to social justice programs and their work with the SRC on various projects has provided inspiration for the staff and students they have worked with. Their insightful addresses to students during assemblies has provided us with a glimpse of the thoughtful self-reflection they have engaged in as student leaders. We are grateful for their lasting contribution to the College.

Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals

PRAYER:

A Prayer of Love.

God, my Father,
May I love You in all things and above all things.
May I reach the joy which
You have prepared for me in Heaven.
Nothing is good that is against Your Will,
and all that is good comes from Your Hand.
Place in my heart a desire to please You
and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love,
so that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy
Your Peace.
Amen
Faith and Mission

Currently, in Year 9 RE, classes are investigating Church History and the important stages over the last 2,000 years and it has produced some very interesting discussions. Frequently students have commented on the challenges faced by the Church and Society during this period and how not all of the decisions made were good ones. Today, in Pope Francis, we have an opening up of the concept of Church with a focus on renewal. Pope Francis urges us “to open the doors of that Church to all, without distinction, because Christ is interested in loving and in healing the hearts of men, not in weighing up their sins.” The Church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone through whom the whole structure is held together, the Pope recalled the “actions” carried out by Jesus when he founded the Church: retiring in prayer, choosing his disciples and simultaneously welcoming and healing the crowd. Jesus prays, Jesus calls, Jesus chooses, Jesus sends his disciples out, Jesus heals the crowd. Inside this temple, this Jesus who is the corner stone does all this work: it is He who conducts the Church. As St Paul says, this Church is built on the foundations of the Apostles; he chose twelve of them. All of them sinners.” It indicates to us that we like the Apostles may not be perfect, however; we work towards living the Christian ideal, to be more Christ-like in our actions.

On the 11th of November we will be commemorating Remembrance Day. It is a time to stop and remember all those that were and are affected by war. There are times when we need to stand up for our beliefs. The soldiers that marched off to war felt it was important to help those people that were experience a loss of their freedom or their rights. Wars are dreadful situations and they were fearful experiences but out of this came some amazing examples of mateship and unconditional love. Mates ready to put their life on the line for their fellow human. Jesus taught “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” The sacrifice of lives and the memory of their actions continue on as an example for future generations. In preparation for a Remembrance Day Liturgy classes in Years 7-9 will be making poppies to display at the front of the school, a display that acknowledges those people who sacrificed their life’s and futures striving for peace.

Prayer for Remembrance Day
For those who were killed in battle,
For those who gave up their lives to save others
For those who fought because they were forced to,
For those who died standing up for a just cause
For those who said war was wrong,
For those who tried to make the peace
For those who prayed when others had no time to pray
For those creatures who needlessly die
For those trees that needlessly are slaughtered
For all of mankind

Let us quietly pray:

May your God hold them in peace
May Love flow over the Earth and cleanse us all
This day and for always. Amen.

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

Student Wellbeing

ELECTION OF LAMP BEARERS FOR 2015

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For the first time all Year 11 students and staff were given the opportunity to vote for their preference of Lampbearer. The selection process also included a written application and an interview with a panel that included the Co- Principals and myself.

We are very pleased to announce that the Lamp Bearers for 2015 are: Gemma Tuddenham and Delia Micallef

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We congratulate all of the girls who went through this student leadership process. We believe that all of the girls who attended the Leadership Day will provide us with a very strong and progressive leadership team for 2015.

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We also acknowledged over 170 students from Years 7-12 for the manner in which they live out our Brigidine Core Values whether it be in their demonstration of their Love of Learning or their ability to welcome and include all students they work with.

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May we also acknowledge the 2014 recipient of the Kinsella Award – Carley Thorpe for the manner in which she has lived out the Marian Core Values in her six years at the College.

The names of all students who were the recipients of an Award and the roll call of our Year 12 Class of 2014 are listed in this edition of the Marian News.

Kerrie Williams - Assistant to the Co-Principals – Student Wellbeing
AWARD WINNERS

Long Tan
Year 10 — Jaestacchia Strafonda
Year 12 — Carley Thorpe

LOTE Scholarship
Emily Kleiner - Italian
Charity Yeboah - Indonesian

Caltex All Rounder Award
Carley Thorpe

Creative Music Bursary Award
Ngan Nguyen
Shelby Di Sisto

Strength and Kindness

Year 7
Anastasia Stojakovic
Tenisha Songvilay
Catherine Tran
Serina Joshi
Simone Canturi

Year 8
Jenny Do
Megan Lloyd
Eileen Truong
Chelsea Huynh
Winda Bo Pui Ng

Year 9
Sui Sui Chha Chhai
Linda Nguyen
Sandali Munasinghe
Imra Banu
Naomi Zahra

Year 10
Fuifuiupe Alone
Selina Tsang
Anuki Wijerama
Tammie Hoang
Hayley Lindsay

Year 11
Tammy Vu
Prashanti Middling
Delia Micallef
Alana Moretti

Year 12
Melanie Ngo
Hannah Phan
Larissa Roman
Senerita (Rita) Tofa
Kathy Tran
Kim Tuyen Vu
Christine Vu

Living with Joy and Perseverance

Year 7
Tiana-Jade Anastasio
Eliza Malapit
My Phuong To
Van (Anh) Truong
Emilee Brown

Year 8
Birzaf Sehayu
Mary Tran
Janet Nguyen
Mimosa Kariki
Anna Hausia

Year 9
Samantha Sloman
Nina (Nhi) Do
Akual Thiep
Carlie Hunter
Cindy Tran

Year 10
Samantha Rajan
Vanessa Pham
Darshi Ranasinghe
Teresa Nguyen
Selita Taufoo

Year 11
Elsie Kanongtataa
Tha Chin Par Tu Mang
Michaela Thompson
Zena El-Alo
Mariam Haddara
Bailee Blake

Year 12
Veronica Jankulovski
Chelsie Pioquinto
Paige Zerafa
Tamika Lennox
Kieu (Jenny) Le
Hajar (Kate) El Chakik

Practising Justice and Service

Year 7
Aker Alaat
Valerie Luay Cheardchoo
Steffani Westmore
Kathy Ho
Jasmine Le

Year 8
Abuk Mawn
Lynchi Nguyen
Gabrielle David
Breaze Cremona
Tamara Antunovic

Year 9
Amanda Tran
Jessica Meegama
Vyy Nguyen
Emily Kleiner
Chloe-Rose Anastasio

Year 10
Elisa Bova
Megan Ellis
Sachini Bandaranayake
Ngan Nguyen
Nhu-Tuyen Vu
Karly Delgadillo

Year 11
Dorothy Ioapa
Trisha Gajeton
Karina Ha
Gemma Tuddenham
Natalie Saunders
Genna Brown
Vi Pham
Loren Galea

Year 12
Stephanie Laffan
Chantel Tan
Dalena Do
Chelsie Pioquinto
Kathy Tran
Canh-Vinh Nguyen
Christine Vu

Welcoming All

Year 7
Arielle Akimana
Kristy Nguyen
Manjury Biswas
Ava Moore
Monique Cutajar
Celene Mezher

Year 8
Van Iang Chin Thang
Eng
Tracey Nicole Ferrer
Liana Raunik
Amy Soothern
Amy Brincat

Year 9
Stephanie Tardio
Trisha Razon
Samyuktha Cherukuri
Charity Yeboah
Chin Chin (Bawi Dawt Chin)
Sawn Hal

Year 10
Sarah Mezher
Tiana Fitzgibbon
Maddison Tennant
Tanya Nguyen
Jaestacchia Strafonda

Year 11
Tam Thanh
Nguyen
Melanie Asi

Year 12
Senerita (Rita) Tofa
Chantel Tan
Canh-Vinh Nguyen
Larissa Roman
Esra Chaouk
Chelsea Tokaker
Christine Vu
Awards for Achievement & Endeavour

**Delany Achievement and Endeavour**

Year 7
Lisa Nguyen

Year 8
Joavan Nedelkoska

Year 9
Gizel Ruiz

Year 10
Maria Nguyen

Year 11
Athulya Jancy Benny

**Sporting Achievement and Endeavour**

Year 7
Brooke Azzopardi

Year 8
Birzaf Sehayu

Year 9
Imra Banu

Year 10
Vanessa Pham

Year 11
Mikaila Bonnici

Year 12
Senerita (Rita) Tofa

**Performing Arts Achievement and Endeavour**

Year 7
Steffani Westmore

Year 8
Breaze Cremona

Year 9
Emily Taylor

Year 10
Megan Ellis

Year 11
Natalie Saunders

Year 12
Canh-Vinh Nguyen

**Kinsella Award**

Carley Thorpe

**Year 12 Graduands**

Hala Adwani
Fatima Alfer
Jessica Aquilina
Lina Asefa
Quan Bach
Samantha Bonnici
Brooke Borg
Elly Carroll
Esra Chaouk
Pamela Mae Corloncito
Jenny Dang
Sandra Dang
Atong Deng
Linh Diep
Dalena Do
Bethany D’Silva
Bianca Duscher
Hajar El Chakik
Hanadi El Haouli
Madeyn Esposito
Siokapesi Fifita
Kayla Fioritti
Lillian Fleifel
Andrea Foster
Tenaya Gray
Leanne Ha
Dema Haddad
Lien Ho
Kim Hoang
Aldina Hodzic
Kennis Huynh
Cattleya Iaoao
Priscilla Iulio
Veronica Jankulovski
Feride Kulafi
Stephanie Laffan
Michelle Lau
Naomi Lay
Kieu Le
Tamika Lennox
Anna Lim
Katelyn Maddock
Vi Mai
Ayat Malut
Amanda Mantzavraskos
Katie Matthews
Leyla Mazzuggia
Roxanne Mezher
Elizabeth Michaelides
Chelsea Mifsud
Phoebe Moore
Thy Ngo
Anna Nguyen
Canh Nguyen
Caroline Nguyen
Elizabeth Nguyen
Emma Nguyen
Hieu Nguyen
Jessica Nguyen
Ly Nguyen
Lyn Nguyen
Thanh Nguyen
Thi Nguyen
Tina Nguyen
Uyen Lan Nguyen
Janssen Nicolas
Mezi Okray
Faustina Osa
Alexandra Petkovski
Cecilia Pham
Theresa Pham
Thy Pham
Cindy Phan
Hannah Phan
Tu Phan
Jane Pickard
Chelsie Pioquinto
Taylor Reader
Brittany Robinson
Larissa Roman
Chantelle Rose
Marcela Santander
Jessica Sawan
Jo-Anne Sayam
Christina Seifeddine
Susanna Seualuga
Tanika Sexton
Thushani Shanthiratna
Elma Sinha
Elizabeth Soulsby
Chantel Tan
Amanda Tardio
Tesa Teevale
Melissa Thang
Hollie Thomas
Carley Thorpe
Senerita (Rita) Tofa
Chelsea Tokaker
Kathy Tran
Lang-Anh Tran
Thuy Tran
Tuyen Kim Tho Tran
Sarah Traycevska-Twails
Katrina Tufuga
Lilian Vo
Maria Yong
Christine Yu
Kim Yu
Skye Whittle
Katy York
Paige Zerafa
PERFORMING ART NEWS

The term is well underway and there are lots of performances coming up to celebrate the students’ work for the semester in both the curricular and co-curricular programs. All concerts are free, take place in the College Auditorium, and run from 7-8.30 pm.: 

Thursday 6th November: Performing Arts Intermediate Showcase. This concert celebrates the work of students from Yr 10 Music Performance and Drama classes.

Wednesday 19th November: Performing Arts Showcase. This concert showcases individuals and ensembles across all Performing Arts including senior classes and the co-curricular program. It follows the opening of the Marian College Art & Design Exhibition.

Thursday 20th November: Co-Curricular Performance Evening. This concert celebrates the work of students in the Creative Music in Schools lessons program and the co-curricular ensembles.

Thursday 4th December: Performing Arts Junior Showcase. This concert features key performances from Music and Drama classes at Years 7 and 8.

We would also like to congratulate our VCE Music Performance and VCE Drama students at Units 3/4 for completing their performance exams, and we continue to run practice exams to prepare them for their final written examinations in November.

Mari Eleanor

DESIGN EDUCATION

MARIAN COLLEGE ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION 2014

Opening Night - Wednesday 19th November 6:00-7:30pm
Followed by the Performing Arts Showcase 7:00-8:30pm

PLEASE JOIN US...
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Resource Centre News

Marian College students have once again proven to be avid passionate readers of fiction and many have successfully met the Premier’s challenge to read fifteen books. Many read more than this minimum and several students read over one hundred books. In total, our students this year have read over two thousand books which is a fantastic achievement.

On Thursday, 9th October, the Resource Centre team held a lunch for all successful challengers. Staff and students celebrated together; enjoying delicious pizza, discussing favourite books and awarding certificates and prizes. The girls who read the most in their year level received a special prize. Congratulations to Valerie Luey and Anh Truong from Year 7, Nicki Edwards and Parminder Kaur from Year 8, Chelsia Lai and Trisha Razon from Year 9 and Nhu Vu and Tam To from Year 10 for being the top readers.

Sharon Hayes and I get great pleasure and satisfaction from sharing our passion for books with students and the Premier’s Reading Challenge has given us the opportunity to listen to the girls’ opinions on the books they have read. The Fault in our Stars by John Green was a favourite, as were books by Veronica Roth and Cassandra Clare.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a perfect way to foster a love of reading that will continue into adult years and we encourage Marian students to participate once again next year. Congratulations to all the girls who participated this year!

Sofie Norello - Teacher Librarian

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