From the Co-Principals

REMEMBRANCE DAY
The College commemorated Remembrance Day in a most poignant way. The beautiful imagery of the poppies adorning the front gates of the College, placed there by our year 7, 8 and 9 students as part of their Remembrance Day Service, served as a lasting reminder over the rest of the week of the sacrifice made by so many for the privileges of peace, harmony and democracy, that we all enjoy here in Australia. Congratulations to the students and staff for their respectful and prayerful contribution to this important commemoration.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

PERFORMING ARTS CONCERTS AND THE ART AND DESIGN EXHIBITION
As we draw closer to the end of the year there is ample opportunity to celebrate all the learning that has taken place across 2014.

For the Performing Arts students this learning culminates in the Performing Arts Showcases, two of which are scheduled for next week. We encourage all families with students performing to come along to support and encourage their daughters and celebrate all that has been achieved this year.

Just before the Showcase on Wednesday evening we will also be celebrating the efforts of all the Design Education students and staff as the 2014 Art and Design Exhibition is officially opened. Once again we invite all families to come along and view the learning and achievements that will be on display. We will also present the Art Achievement Awards on this night for those students who have shown exemplary talent and commitment to their study of Art and Design.

KILDARE MINISTRIES – AN UPDATE
During the week of 4 November, we spent two days meeting with the Principals of other Kildare Ministries schools, reflecting on our understanding of what it means to be Faith Leaders within our communities. Drawing inspiration from the writings of Pope Francis, we discussed the way that we can make authentic the message of Jesus and the Gospels for those we work within our schools. As the Leadership and Stewardship of Church Ministries continues to evolve, and as Lay Leaders committed to our Faith, we accept and grapple with our responsibility to make our faith a lived reality within the community. We continue to draw inspiration from great leaders like Pope Francis, and also the Brigidine and Presentation Sisters whose vision and foresight on inclusive stewardship seeks to genuinely involve us as partners in Faith Leadership.

SCHOOL SURVEYS – SOME INITIAL RESULTS
Over the last few weeks we have been working with the results of the Surveys completed by staff, students and parents during Term 3. The surveys provide the College Leadership team with information about our overall improvement, and areas of strength, challenge and opportunity. The results indicate that the College has a great many strengths, particularly in the areas of leadership, staff learning, engagement in learning for students, quality teaching and the quality of relationships between staff and students. Challenges include promoting parent partnership in the learning process. We will use these results, and other school based data to shape the Annual Implementation Plan for 2015 as we strive for ongoing improvement to ensure that we continue to offer the highest quality educational experience for our families.

Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals

EVENTS: NOVEMBER
15th
- Saturday Detention
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- Year 9/10/11 Exams

18th
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- Year 11 & 12 2015 Orientation

19th
- Marian Art & Design Exhibition Opening 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Performing Arts Showcase - 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- Year 11 & 12 2015 Orientation

20th
- Performing Arts Co Curricular
- Marian Art & Design Exhibition open for viewing from 9:00am - 2:30pm - Bookings essential
- Performance Evening - 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4
- Year 11 & 12 2015 Orientation
- 21st
- VCAA Written Exams Unit 4 Finish
- Year 11 & 12 2015 Orientation
- Marian Art & Design Exhibition open
- for viewing from 9:00am - 2:30pm - Bookings essential

22nd
- Reunion for the class of 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994 and 2004 (3.00pm-6.00pm)

Serenity Prayer
God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trust that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.

Amen
Faith and Mission

Life at school is busy, we are interacting with so many people. There are work tasks to be finalised and marked, students preparing for exams or as in the case of the Year 12, 11 and 10 students, currently sitting exams. Preparations for performances etc., busy, busy! How do we find some peace or serenity?

THE SERENITY PRAYER EXPLAINS WHAT TO DO.
The words in the prayer on the front page encourage us all to be aware that there are something that we cannot change, maybe we haven’t studied as hard throughout the semester. Maybe we haven’t completed all of our tasks on time. Do you have the courage to change the things that you can change? We can change our study and work habits, on a personal level we can change how we treat others. ‘Have the wisdom to know what to do?’ Are we wise in the ways of God ready to help people in need, be it our neighbour, friend or a person in distress.

Support and guidance will firstly come from God. God challenges us to be the person we are supposed to be even when we haven’t always made the right decisions. Scripture tells us that the peace given by God is beyond the understanding of humans. “His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7). By allowing the ‘Peace of God’ to enter into our mind, heart, and soul, we will experience that ultimate peace that regardless of the challenges in life God will be there for each one of us.

As our theme for the year has challenged ‘be the change you wish to see in the world’, it takes courage to accept God’s message and live a life guided by the principles presented to us in the Gospel. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. And in Hebrew 13:5, ‘God says He will never leave us or forsake us.’ Never is long time. God is always there for us.

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

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is the day when Australians take the time to remember those who have died in war. The First World War commenced 100 years ago and continued for 4 years. It was known as the ‘War to end all Wars.’

At 11am on the 11th of November 1918, the armistice that ended World War I came into force, bringing to an end four years of hostilities that saw 61,919 Australians die at sea, in the air, and on foreign soil. Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War I - ‘the war to end all wars’. Most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend.

Tuesday morning – ‘at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month’ – Marian students paused for a moment’s quiet contemplation and reflection on the legacy of soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country and those they loved.

It is important that we hear the stories of sacrifice, but it is also important that we acknowledge and remember the stories of triumph of the human spirit in the horrors of war. There are none more enduring in our culture than those accounts of World War I.

The girls participated in Remembrance Day liturgies and made poppies, as symbols of their silent reverence for the people and events that mark this day. As a unified sign of respect, the poppies were attached to the front gate of the school creating a sea of red paper blooms that were quite reminiscent of the poppy fields of Flanders.

In Flanders Fields
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

PRAYER
Dear Lord, today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Anna Ciccone -

Marian News
A Community growing in Faith & Love • Serving Others • Striving to Achieve • Thinking for the Future
VISIT FROM THE POLICE
As part of our Pastoral Care Program, and to ensure our students are aware of the world around them, we invited Jo – from the Proactive Unit of the Police located at Caroline Springs, to assist all students become more aware of issues that involve Cyberbullying, theft and personal safety.

Jo addressed our Year 7, 8 and 9 students and we are planning that she and the Proactive Unit of the Police become a greater presence for us next year as part of our Pastoral Care and Wellbeing approach to our curriculum.

LEADERSHIP PROCESS
Our Year 10 and 11 students are currently in the process of electing Student Representative Council members and House Captains. In the next week we will also begin the leadership process with our Year 7 to 9 students.

We look forward in later editions of the Marian of acknowledging those students who have been elected to these positions for 2015.

Student Leadership is a very important aspect of life at Marian and we look to expand student involvement in 2015.

JAPANESE CULTURAL EXCHANGE
We are pleased to announce that our Japanese Sister school Yamate will be returning in March 2015.

We will send a flyer out to all families next week asking for expressions of interest in becoming a host family.

We look forward to Yamate returning in 2015.

We will provide additional information about their visit in the near future.

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

Learning and Teaching

YEAR 9 EXAMINATIONS
The Year 9 students will sit their first formal examinations in the Marian College Examination Centre on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 November. All students have been provided with a timetable as well as some general protocols.

These examinations are very important for the Year 9 students, assisting their preparation for the senior years of their schooling. We wish these students all the best.

YEAR 11 AND 12 2015 EXAM FEEDBACK AND ORIENTATION
Congratulations to all students who have successfully completed their examinations. On Tuesday 18 November the 2015 Orientation Program commences with an English feedback and preparation day, for VCE students. They will all be provided with valuable feedback in response to their English Examinations and will also benefit from a general introduction to film texts studied in 2015. Students begin their general Orientation Program on Wednesday 19 November, commencing classes for their 2015 subjects. Students are scheduled to attend three classes for each of their 2015 studies. It is essential that students attend all of these classes and complete all set holiday homework to enable them to commence 2015 prepared to meet the challenges of their VCE studies successfully. We also take this opportunity to remind students and parents of the 90 percent attendance requirements for VCE which includes attendance at Orientation classes.

VCAL students are also involved in their Orientation Program at this time.

SUBJECT CHANGES
A number of students have applied for subject changes and these are now being processed. Students will be notified next week with regards to the outcomes of their applications. The deadline for any further applications for subject change is Tuesday 18 November at 9.00 am.

SEMESTER REPORTS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
The Semester 2 Reports, for students in Years 7 to 11 will be available on the Parent Portal accessed via the College website on Thursday 11 December. Please take the time to read over these reports carefully and discuss them with your daughter. This information should be used to recognise achievement, identify areas for improvement and to set goals for 2015.

We will also use the information in these reports to identify students who have excelled academically. Academic Excellence Certificates will be presented at the beginning of 2015.

Paul Familiar & Jane Goddard - Assistants to the Co-Principals - Learning and Teaching
REUNION: GRADUATES OF 2013
On Wednesday the 29th October the Language Centre was alive with excitement and much laughter, as the Graduates from 2103 gathered to share what they have been doing over the past year. I am personally inspired by the young women who have gone out from the College to make their mark in the world.

If you are a past student of Marian College, find us on Facebook or join the Alumni on the College web site- then you will be informed when the College has reunions or special events.

Dianne Reynolds - Alumni Committee

LOTE

Cappuccetto Rosso, Pinocchio, Giacomo e il Fagiolo Magico……. these are some of the words being spoken at the moment in Year 9 Italian.

This term, our students are completing a course of work on Le Fiabe – Fairytales. The girls have been very busy looking at how this Narrative text type is written, both in stylistic features and also the grammatical structures that are utilised, that is, L'Imperfetto and the Passato Prossimo past tenses.

In the coming weeks, the girls will create their own fairytale in the form of an illustrated booklet. The Italian teachers look forward to reading the creative literature that the girls will create.

"In bocca lupo!" Good luck!

Joan Fabbian – Italian teacher
The Art & Design department would like to invite all students, families & friends to the opening of the Annual Art Exhibition to be held on the 19th November at 6.00pm.

Come along and view amazing Art works from our Year 7 to Year 12 students.

We have the following exciting events happening on the night:

* You can purchase some great products from the Year 9 Market Stalls. On sale are printed T-shirts, cushions, tea towels, chopping boarding and other goodies.
* Art workshops will be running, come along and join in with our local artist.
* For food lovers, we have our Year 9 students catering on the night with a range of delicious foods.

Hope to see you there on the night,

_Karyn Chau - Arts Teacher_
Performing Arts Showcase & Performing Arts Co-curricular Performance Evening

Wednesday 19th November & Thursday 20th November
7:00–8:30pm

In the College Auditorium

Community News

Former Marian College students who graduated in years
are invited to attend a combined reunion gathering to renew friendships and reminisce about their time at Marian College.

Please join us on Saturday 23rd November at 3pm in the Gymnasium for the Art Exhibition opening followed by a tour of the College.

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