**From the Co-Principals**

**ART AND DESIGN EXHIBITION**

Congratulations to all the students whose solid work during the year was recognised and celebrated at the Marian College Art and Design Exhibition. The depth of talent of both staff and students was on show for the community, as was the creative and broad curriculum that engages all students in the design and production process in such a great variety of subjects.

Thank you to all the families and friends who came along to support their daughters and the College as we recognise the abundant learning opportunities that students have obviously taken great advantage of in Art and Design.

A special message of gratitude to the Art and Design Staff members, who while continuing their teaching and contributing to the packing up the old Design Education Building ready for demolition next week, committed time, energy and passion to the setting up of the Exhibition.

We are immensely grateful for their work over the past few weeks, and indeed their commitment to their students over the course of the year.

**PERFORMING ARTS CONCERTS**

Last week we had the opportunity to experience another wonderful couple of nights celebrating the learning in Performing Arts this year, both within the Curriculum and the Co-Curriculum Programs. All the efforts to develop the music and drama talents was on show both from an individual and ensemble point of view. The girls presented a variety of genres in a confident and professional manner and in a spirit of support and enjoyment in one another. We thank the Performing Arts Team Ms. Mari Eleanor, Mr. David Ellis, Ms. Jenny Tawa, Mr. Paul Familiar and Mr. Michael Cooper for their continual dedication to provide creative opportunities for our students. We also acknowledge the work of the Creative Music staff and Michelle Di Maria for their support of the Performing Arts programme.

**YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS AND DINNER**

It’s always a privilege to be involved in the Graduation Celebrations with students and their families. We are humbled by the expressions of gratitude from parents for the experiences the College has provided their daughters over the past six years, and we are proud to receive them on behalf of all the staff who have contributed to their daughters’ education.

We would like to share a small excerpt from the Co-Principals’ Address at the Graduation Mass, trusting that the Brigidine Core Values will be held by students in their hearts and heads as they go forth and engage with the wider world.

Guests visiting Boston’s Holocaust Memorial find themselves staring at millions of six-digit numbers. The numbers are etched in tiny type on glass panels that comprise six glass towers rising into the sky. Each six-digit combination represents the identification tattoos inked into the forearms of Nazi camp victims. Visitors can walk on a path through the base of the towers. There is a quote mounted on the inside wall of each glass tower, precisely at eye level. There is one particular quote that captures precisely the sacrifice that resides within each one of us that has the potential to save the world:

Ilse, a childhood friend of mine, once found a raspberry in the camp and carried it in her pocket all day to present that night to me on a leaf. Imagine a world in which your entire possession is one raspberry, and you give it to your friend.

We hope that as you move into the world, crafting lives of beauty and wonder, autographed with excellence, you are able to be for others what Ilse was to her friend Gerda. A light in the dark and a beacon of hope to those whom you encounter and might chance to love in some small way.

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From the Co-Principals (continued)

We take this opportunity to thank Ms Simone Cymbalak for her organisation of the Graduation dinner, Mrs Mary Louise Towns for the preparation of the Mass and the Performing Arts Department for their work with students over the year in preparing ensembles to contribute music in such a prayerful way to community celebrations.

COLLEGE REUNION
On Saturday afternoon we welcomed back to the College those students who were members of the graduating classes in 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994 and 2004. These women from all ages were grateful to be given an opportunity to reconnect with each other and with the College and to see how their School had grown and changed in the intervening years since their time here. It is important to us that Marian College graduates feel that they will always be a part of the College and that their time at Marian has contributed in some way to shaping our evolving community.

We would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Julie Heaney for the organisation of the afternoon and Mrs Marilyn Taylor, our archivist, who has been able to find photos, magazines and other artefacts that remind us about what it was like at the College at these points in time, and of the people, staff and students, who made those times so memorable.

If you know anyone who has been a past student of the College, and might have some photos or memorabilia, that could be shared with us we would be grateful if they could make contact with Marilyn Taylor at the College. We have started to formally document the historical record of the school and would love to share in the memories that others hold precious about Marian College.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
As another year draws to a close we would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the School Community for their support of the development of the College. As always, there has been much activity and growth over the year and the consistent factor is the energy, dedication and good will of students, staff and parents. We pray that this coming Christmas season is a special one for all our families as we reflect on and celebrate the birth of Jesus. May we use the message of this time as a vision for how we may keep others safe, healthy and connected to the beauty of this earth. Best wishes to all for Christmas and for a wonderful 2015.

Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals

Faith and Mission

Advent is the season of preparation, a time of organising our lives and getting ourselves in a state of readiness. Two thousand years ago a group of people waited expectantly as they listened to a prophet John the Baptist talk of one who was to come, the Promised One of God, and many people began to prepare themselves for that moment.

John the Baptist came with a challenging message; calling for repentance and a challenge to change and to be transformed. Those who heard were filled with expectation, waiting for Messiah, and yet ultimately failing to notice his arrival in that humble stable. In this season of Advent may we be filled with expectation, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all; your Son, Jesus Christ. Today we can get caught up with buying gifts and forget to stop and prepare ourselves for this special time of year, a time to be with loved ones. May we all have the time to spend with our families and friends. In 2013, Pope Francis had the following to say to the world on Christmas Day “Dear brothers and sisters, today, in this world, in this humanity, is born the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Let us pause before the Child of Bethlehem. Let us allow our hearts to be touched, let us not fear this. Let us not fear that our hearts be moved. We need this! Let us allow ourselves to be warmed by the tenderness of God; we need his caresses. God’s caresses do not harm us. They give us peace and strength. We need his caresses. God is full of love: to him be praise and glory forever! God is peace: let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by God’s goodness.” May we take this message into our hearts, lives and actions.

Our Year 12 students had their Graduation Mass on the 24th of November at Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs. What a wonderful experience, to see these lovely young ladies celebrate in prayer their time in secondary education but more importantly their time at Marian College. Family and friends were present to celebrate with them on this special occasion. May the Brigidine Core Values:

Be faithful to our Catholic heritage
Welcome all people, especially the most vulnerable
Celebrate all that is good with joy and gratitude
Engender a love of learning, hope and a sense of purpose
Image and practise justice and service

be a guiding light for them as they journey forward into 2015. This quote from Bishop Daniel Delany founder of the Brigidine Order may assist them: “From every seed sown and cultivated by pure love we shall be sure to reap a harvest.” I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS
We are well and truly into the process of electing Student Leaders for 2015 for both our Student Representative Council and House Captains.

The Elections have been completed for both Year 10 and 11.
I have started to introduce the process to the Years 7 to 9 and the elections will be completed by the end of the year.
We look forward to acknowledging these leaders early in the new year once the election of our Student Participation Group leaders is completed in February 2015.

POSSIBLE LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR OUR SENIOR LEADERS IN 2015
After our Year 11 Leadership Day at the end of term 3 we have discussed the possibility of exploring a Retreat for Student Leadership. The suggestion was viewed very positively and the students feel that it would be a great way to start the new school year.
We are in the process of finalising this idea and will meet with these leaders early in the new year to discuss the finer details of the program.
We are very excited about this possibility and what it has to offer our Senior Leaders.

STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS FOR BULLYING AND HARASSMENT
This week we have had the pleasure of Matea Antunovic, our Lamp Bearer for 2013, returning to assist the Year Level Leaders and myself in organising focus groups at each year level to help us unpack and analyse the Bullying and Harassment Data.
We will share our findings in an early edition of the Marian in 2015.
As this is the last edition of the Marian News for 2014 I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy and safe festive season and may the birth of the Holy Child renew all of us with the faith to live out the christian life that was envisaged at his birth.
And as the Irish Blessing states “May God keep you in the palm of his hand until we all meet again” in the New Year.

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

Learning and Teaching

YEAR 9 EXAMINATIONS
Congratulations to the Year 9 students who sat their first formal examinations at Marian College last week. Staff members commended the students on their behaviour and responsible approach to these examinations. Many students’ conscientious efforts were rewarded with very good results. However, for some, a more consistent approach to regular revision and study will need to be developed to ensure improved results moving forward. Regardless, these examinations have provided valuable preparation for these students as they progress into the senior years of their schooling at Marian College.

SEMESTER REPORTS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
With examinations completed and junior students finishing off their last assessment tasks for the year, staff are finalising the Semester 2 Reports. These will be available for students in Years 7 to 11 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 Familari & Jane Goddard - Assistants to the Co-Principals - Learning and Teaching

Maths and Science

In line with Marian College’s commitment to providing the students with every opportunity to enhance their learning experience, the College nominated three current Year 10 students and three current Year 11 students to attend the Strengthening Engagement and Achievement in Mathematics and Science (SEAMS) immersion camps to be held on 19-23 January 2015 and 29 June-3 July 2015. SEAMS aims to increase the participation and attainment of students in science and mathematics related disciplines in higher education. The camp for Year 11 students will run at the University of Melbourne’s Parkville campus and for Year 12 students at Monash University’s Clayton campus. The students are: Jessica Truong, Maria Nguyen and Ngan Nguyen from Year 10 and Vanessa Nguyen, Hansi Hettikanda and Madeleine Packer from Year 11.
Another group of students from Year 9 and 10 will be attending the Engineers Without Borders Innovation Challenge the University of Melbourne’s Parkville campus on 26-28th November. The three day activities are aimed at bringing together students for learning, teamwork and action. It is a great opportunity for students to learn new things and develop valuable teamwork skills. As part of the challenge, the students will be put into groups with students from other participating schools and they will be given an engineering-based town planning design challenge. The students in Year 10 are: Teresa Nguyen, Selina Tsang, Jenny Huynh and Nhu Vu. The Year 9 students are: Julie Nguyen, Evian Phan, Selina Nguyen, Katina Nguyen and Jenny Quach.

Mrs Felisa Lapuz - Learning Leader
**VET**

**HOSPITALITY**
This week Marian College’s VET Hospitality students were very fortunate to have David Schofield, award winning NZ Chef of the Year for 2014, come in to demonstrate Burmese cuisine. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet a passionate cook and world class industry professional. Students gained insight and useful advice on work, interview tips, the travel opportunities offered through working in the hospitality industry and of course, food! The Burmese crispy pork belly and fermented tea salad David prepared was enjoyed by the class; it was a great introduction to a cuisine not familiar to our students.

*Melanie Tyers - VET Assistant*

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**LOTE**

**INDONESIAN**

**YEAR 7**
This term Year 7 students have learned several classroom instructions. Silahkan duduk. Tutup Pintu! Students read a story about a group of students in the classroom and all the interesting events which can happen in a classroom. The girls thoroughly enjoyed rewriting their own script to re-enact a classroom situation of their own. Throughout the term, students learned new vocabulary and phrases. They were able to use the media skills to re-enact a classroom situation using the Indonesian language. They used ICT to incorporate reading, writing, acting, filming, and editing in Indonesian. Well done girls!!

**YEAR 8**
This term, students studied Wayang Kulit, Indonesian shadow puppets, and watched puppet shows from contemporary films like Harry Potter to their more traditional uses of the art. Students quickly learned that using the shadow puppets can have their challenges, but great rewards, after presenting so many interesting, engaging, and funny stories as their projects. Students should be proud of what they accomplished with this great art form!

**YEAR 9**
Bali, one of the most visited destinations for Australians, was our topic for Term 4. Students learned about some of the interesting aspects of Balinese life such as the infamous teeth filing ceremony, the main religion of Bali, Hinduism, but also more practical aspects such as getting through customs. Students created postcards about famous locations and travel brochures of Bali’s most famous events and destinations. They enjoyed learning and understanding more about the culture, sights, and sounds of this beautiful island. Great work!

**YEAR 10**
A very creative topic for the term. Year 10s studied sickness and health. They viewed several advertisements in Indonesian for this unit. Students were to create a product which would cure an illness. This included the name of the product, a catchphrase and of course instructions on how to take the medicine. Dressed up in fancy traditional clothing, students in year 10 created a video advertisement of their product in Indonesian. Brilliant!

**YEAR 11**
Religion and traditions was a topic for the Year 11s and they discussed how these shape Indonesian society. Students were amazed at some of the different traditions, such as the Tana Toraja tradition of “confusing” the deceased before burying them. Students were given the opportunity to expand on their knowledge of one of these traditions through a mini research project, culminating in an oral role play. The students met the challenge well and should be elated by their ability to research and present their ideas in Indonesian.

Selamat hari Natal dan Tahun Baru kepada murid-murid dan seluruh keluarganya.

*Veronika Petanic & Brent Pelton – Indonesian Teachers*
The Arts

DESIGN EDUCATION

MARIAN COLLEGE ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION 2014

On Wednesday 19th November Marian College held the Art & Design Exhibition opening with this year’s theme, “Express.” The exhibition showcased a broad scope of work created in Art, Design and Technology from students in year 7 to 12 and truly highlighted the talent of our students with each piece reflecting their development in skill, technique, creativity, imagination and persistence. The exhibition was a huge success with over 100 visitors attending the opening evening along with local school groups, Reunion Guests and members of the local community attending throughout the week.

The opening evening was lots of fun with visitors being able to participate in our community art workshop run by artist Deb Qadri. We look forward to displaying the collaborative artworks made in the school and welcome students and their families to come along to future workshops to be organised throughout next year.

It was a great celebration of student achievement. Mr Ray Pisani and Ms Shelley Smith presented the Design Education Achievement and Endeavour Awards to students at each year level for their exceptional efforts. The students received certificates and art prizes from Artlter Art Supplies.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:
Year 7 Nhi Vuong
Year 8 Cathy Huynh
Year 9 Emily Kleiner
Year 10 Nicole Soulsby
Year 11 Hansi Hettikandana
Year 12 Thy Pham

We thank Mr Cam Woolcock, Melanie Tyers and the Year 9 Hospitality students for catering the event and Ms Danielle Wallwork and the Year 9 Market Making girls for their pop up stall with products they created. All the proceeds will be donated to Asylum Seekers and St Vincent De Paul with the money being used this Christmas to buy baby products for infants and gifts for children in need in the community.

We would also like to thank Julie Heaney and our parent helpers Svetlana Nedelkoska, Lorraine Anastasio, Jessica Cremona, our maintenance team Raf Carnovale, Sandro Acciaccaferri and Lindsay Bell, our student exhibition committee members as well as Sarah Michail and Goran Petrovski for volunteering their time in mounting artworks, promotion and setting up the exhibition.

Thank you again to Design Education staff for their commitment to our Marian students and for all their effort in putting together such as wonderful event. Thank you to all students, staff, families, friends and VIP guests for joining with us to view and celebrate the outstanding work that was presented. A final thank to all of our incredible students for their commitment in Design Education for sharing their talents at the art exhibition and for their art production throughout the year. We are all very proud of you all.
The Arts (continued)

DESIGN EDUCATION

MARIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS EXHIBIT AT SUNSHINE GALLERY

The Granary Café will showcase a selection of creative and imaginative artworks selected from the Marian College Art Exhibition.

The exhibition will run from Dec 13 2014 to Feb 2015.

The following student’s artworks have been shortlisted for the exhibition and the curator of Sunshine Gallery will make the final selection prior to the exhibition.

CONGRATULATIONS
Sarah Dinh - Year 7
Olivia Cosic - Year 7
Nhi Vuong - Year 7
Elisha Tiquia - Year 7
Tia Tripunoska - 8 Veronica
Sandy Ngo - Year 8
Anna Dang - Year 8
Tina Nguyen - Year 8
Chelsea Huynh - Year 8
Hannah Gatchkeuritch - Year 9
Chelsia Lai - Year 9
Renee Keo - Yea 9
Hannah Gatchkeuritch - Year 9
Vanessa Guan - Year 9
Renee Keo - Year 9
Vanessa Guan - Year 9
Renee Keo - Year 9
Renee Le - Year 9
Samouya - Year 9
Jaspreet Kaur - Year 9
Shelby Di Sisto - Year 9
Michaela Thompson - Year 11
Nikki Fong - Year 11

Shelley Smith- Curriculum Leader 7-10
The Arts (continued)

PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts has finished the year with a great flourish. Two end of semester concerts for the students taking instrumental lessons and/or playing in ensembles, another to celebrate the work of students in Performing Arts classes from Years 7-9, and various other performances in the College’s celebratory life have kept the energy high and the practice rooms full. Add to that preparations for the End of Year Christmas mass, with carols ringing in the corridors, and we have a great end to the year! Thanks to all the teachers that have worked with students this year, and to all the students who have attended rehearsals, practised, and given their time so generously.

We would particularly like to thank our Year 10 Concert Band members and our Co-Captains for coming back to support the program even when their senior classes and exams are over. That’s dedication!

Finally, we would like to thank the families and friends who support the girls in their endeavours, attend concerts, and encourage students to be involved.

We wish everyone a safe and happy festive period and Summer holiday.

Mari Eleanor - Music and Drama Co-Curricular Programs Co-ordinator

Community News

Carols at the Castle

Sunday 21 December 2014
Gates open at 5pm - Concert 7pm to 9.30pm
Overnewton Castle, 51 Overnewton Road, Keilor
Melways ref: 14 E3
• Pre-Concert entertainment, Santa will visit
• Pack a picnic, bring a chair, refreshments available
$10 for a family of five,$5 for singles
Bookings www.trybooking.com
Children must be accompanied by an adult and closely supervised at all times.
People requiring disability access should contact Overnewton Castle.
brimbank.vic.gov.au

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Learn a language on Saturday morning!

The Victorian School of Languages is a government school committed to the provision of language programs for students in years 1 to 12 who do not have access to the study of those languages in the mainstream schools in all education sectors. The school offers over forty languages through both face to face teaching in centres across the state and through distance education.

The Victorian School of Languages Area West 1 is located at: **Footscray City College, Bayside Secondary College** and **Sunshine College** and offers the following languages: **Amharic, Arabic, Chin (Hakha), Chin (Matu), Croatian, Dinka, Greek, Hindi, Macedonian, Spanish** and **Vietnamese**.

Classes are held between 9.00 am and 12.20 pm and in order to assist with course costs a small annual charge applies: $70.00 in Years 1 to 10 and $85.00 for VCE. Adults may be accepted in VCE classes only and the annual charge is $210.00.

Enrolments for new students in 2015 are now being taken. For further details please contact the Area Manager on **9689 1166** or visit [http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au](http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au)
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VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

2015 Languages Program
Centre Classes

For Students in Years 1-12

*Chin Hakha VCE Units - 1/2 available in 2015
*Classical Greek VCE Units - 1/2 available in 2015
*Distance Education mode is also available for 11 languages - see our separate brochure
  * VET in Schools (for Languages programs also available)

* New centres at Berwick and Creekside College

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