From the Co-Principals

Our end of semester assembly was an enlightening summary of all the events of 2015 so far. It can be guaranteed that staff, students, parents and members of the wider community have expended time and effort to provide a wide array of opportunities and experience for our students. Achievements in academic, sporting, artistic, musical and social justice activities were highlighted. Moreover, the participation in spiritual and faith-based experiences was also featured.

We congratulate Gemma Tuddenham on her second placing in the Wynspeak Public Speaking Competition. Mr Des O’Shannessy, from Rotary Hoppers Crossing, was on hand to present Gemma with her runner-up trophy. We would also like to commend those students who have achieved exceptional scores on a global scale in the Language Perfect competition.

Our social justice and community support groups have been very active these past few months. The Justice and Democracy Forum have taken part in the Palm Sunday Rally, hosted a meeting of JDF groups from other Brigidine schools and contributed to a range of ‘pop-up’ exhibits at the City Square in Melbourne as part of World Refugee Day. Those involved were able to connect the true meaning of their support for these activities with the values they have gained from their experiences in a Catholic Brigidine community. The St. Vincent de Paul Group have made visits to nursing homes, volunteered in soup vans and supported the Caritas Project Compassion. Their fundraising and awareness-raising activities are aimed at promoting solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The Marian Leos, too, have been very active in organising many activities that have resulted in raising over $3000 that will be donated to a range of charities.

The Arts were also well represented with their contribution to creativity and entertainment at the College. The Design and Technology staff and students were proud to exhibit the enthusiasm and talent that has been further developed with the opening of the new Design Warehouse. Students have many different opportunities to enhance their love of all things artistic and creative. Throughout the year the Performing Arts department have led many school events by providing musical accompaniment. The Gospel Group always give spine-tingling and spiritual renditions of songs that create a reflective atmosphere in our liturgical celebrations. The Drama group ‘Troupe’ represented the College at the recent Catholic Education Office Student Wellbeing Festival. Their play “Can’t Happy, Am Worried”, focusing on the issue of anxiety, was well received especially as they were the only performance on the night who were not an elective class group but volunteers across Years 7 to 11. We congratulate all the girls, Mr Ellis and Ms. Eleanor for all their efforts. Another performance of the Troupe play was included in the series of Performing Arts Showcases held over June. Many within the audience have commented on the quality of the acts on show and the level of development that the students have attained. The confidence that the students have shown, either musically or theatrically, is a testament to all the practice, rehearsals and hard work.

Sporting achievements have also been acknowledged with individual medals presented to those students who excelled in the Swimming Carnival and trophies for the competition winners in Badminton. Many students have participated in a wide variety of sports in the Secondary Catholic Sports Association. They had prepared themselves well and were wonderful ambassadors of the school through their sporting behaviour and sense of fair play. Most importantly, the students enjoyed participating in team and sharing good times with others.

Of course, all these events and activities do not just happen and are the result of qualities of generosity, sacrifice and persistence. Moreover, the level of organisation and attention to detail guarantees the experiences are successful and memorable. We thank all staff for their continued commitment to the wellbeing of all the girls and a special acknowledgement to the student leaders who all commit their time and talents to enhance the opportunities at the College. We wish all students and staff a restful and rejuvenating holiday.

Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals

PRAYER:

Life...
Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is a beauty, admire it.
Life is bliss, taste it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is costly, care for it.
Life is wealth, keep it.
Life is love, enjoy it.
Life is mystery, know it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is a sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.
Jesus is the Word who gives Life. Let us be open to his spirit. Amen
Faith & Mission

“I HAVE COME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL”

Life is full of interesting experiences! Two weeks ago the Year 12 students spent two days at Camp Wilkins in Anglesea on Retreat. A retreat is an opportunity to have some time out from the normal daily experiences and reflect on yourself, your life, future, and God. Life is so precious and it passes us by so quickly that time for reflection is important. The Year 12 students have just finished a busy semester with SACS, project and work placements. For VCE and VCAL students it is a good opportunity for a rest and to take time out of their normal routine.

On Thursday the 11th of June we travelled to Anglesea. Whilst on retreat, students worked in large and small groups with the opportunity to work in teams and to get to know others in the year level in new ways. Many things were discussed especially future opportunities. The future beckons these young people and the end of the year will come quickly. So this time away was very precious with special memories for all that attended.

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

Learning and Teaching

SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATIONS

Thank you to our all Year 9, 10 and 11 students for the cooperative way in which they completed their Semester 1 Examinations. Many excellent results have been achieved. Congratulations to those students who worked diligently to achieve so highly. We will also follow up upon students who have recorded poor examination results. Students with multiple unsatisfactory examination performances will be required to meet with the Senior Certificates Panel (Year 11) or a year level panel (Years 9 and 10). We will work with those students on establishing future goals and formulating a plan for improvement.

Please also note that this information, as well as other information in Semester 1 Reports, will be used when considering students for acceleration studies, as well as suitability for other VCE studies in 2016.

SEMESTER REPORTS

Your daughter’s Semester 1 Report will available on Friday 25 June after 3.00 pm on the Parent Portal accessed via the College website. Log-in details remain unchanged and have been sent to all families for Parent -Teacher- Student Interviews earlier this year. Students will also be able to access the reports on Coneqt – S on SEQTA.

These reports have been produced through our new Learning Management System - SEQTA and you will notice that there is a significant change in appearance. Whilst work habits, learning area achievement and assessment task results are reported, there are no detailed comments for each student or levels assigned to understandings and skills, as has been the case previously. This is because we are in a transitional phase, as we plan the roll-out of more continuous feedback and reporting to parents through SEQTA. We will provide more detail on the plans for this process in forthcoming editions of Marian News.

In the meantime, these reports should be looked at in conjunction with the more detailed feedback that students have received from their teachers through assessment rubrics or directly through Coneqt – S. Please take the time to go through these reports and feedback with your daughter, identifying strengths and achievements, as well as areas for improvement.

Based on the Semester Reports, high academic achievers will be recognized through Academic Excellence Certificates, to be awarded in Term 3. Academic Excellence Awards, for students in Years 7 – 10, are calculated based on achievement across all assessment tasks in all subjects studied and reported upon. Students who are in Year 11 are eligible for an Academic Excellence Certificate if they achieved an “A” average in four or more subjects. Accelerated Unit 3/4 Studies are also considered in the calculation of these awards.

Our teachers are also reviewing report data to inform their planning for Semester 2 and to personalise the learning for our students.

The next Parent – Teacher – Student Interviews are scheduled for 12 August. These interviews will provide an opportunity to discuss your daughter’s learning and to focus on her progress in Semester 2. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss your daughter’s achievement, please contact the relevant subject teacher at the College.

SUBJECT SELECTION

For students going into Years 10, 11 and 12 next year, it is now time to consider subject selection for 2016. The 2016 Senior Certificates and Year 10 Subject Handbooks will soon be available on the College website. Students moving into Years 10, 11 and 12 will also receive a letter at the beginning of next term regarding the subject selection process and the Marian College Pathways Expo and Parent Information Evening. The date for this event is Monday 27 July so please mark in this in your diaries now.

Jane Goddard & Paul Familari - Assistant to the Co-Principals - Learning and Teaching
Student Wellbeing

PARENT FORUM - CHRIS DIACOS

On Wednesday 17th June we were fortunate to have Chris Daicos come and speak to our parent community about building resilience and self-esteem in our teenagers and how we can work with them in the ever changing and challenging world that they live in today.

Chris comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge having a background in teaching and social work and has been working most recently in the area of psychology and mental health for young people.

Our parents were given strategies and ideas when dealing with their daughter’s and she did this in a practical, engaging and entertaining way. She made us laugh and acknowledge how things are different for our children compared to the world we grew up in.

Please find below comments from parents who attended the evening:

I think this training is really helpful for me to understand my daughter better. And help me make improvement for a better relationship as well.

As a busy mum I always ignore my growing daughter’s needs of understanding and support, sometimes my attitude is harsh as well when conflicts happen. I think it is really important that we can get some training from a professional on how to deal with this in daily life. Christine is a very experienced professional. I can feel her passion for these young people. And her speech is very fun, applicable, full of humour and easy to understand. One and half hours just passed quickly before I realised.

I look forward to getting more training like this in the future. Thanks

The ‘Building Resilience in Adolescents’ presentation with Chris Daicos helped make me feel more resilient as a parent. I could relate really strongly with the issues raised and feel like I have a much better understanding of the ups and downs that my daughter faces on a day to day basis and how important it is to equip her with the tools necessary to navigate through life.

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

Health & Physical Education

Another massive semester of sport has just concluded. Having previously announced the winners of the Swimming Carnival, we again congratulate the winning house TARA on their effort and enthusiasm at the Swimming Carnival this year. I would also like to announce the recipients for the Year Level Champion. This is awarded to the swimmer who earns the most amount of points for their house in swimming events.

Year 7: Sarah Elander
Year 8: Brooke Azzopardi
Year 9: Teresa Phan
Year 10: Chloe-Rose Anastasio
Senior Years: Jassica Nguyen

Congratulations to these girls for their effort and participation.

Secondly we need to acknowledge the effort that has been put in by staff and students in the SCSA Interschool sports competitions across the semester. This semester we competed in the interschool swimming carnival at MSAC for the first time in a long time. These girls competed so strongly, we came home with 5 first places, 9 second places and 9 third places. An excellent effort put in by these girls.

We have also competed in interschool Tennis, Badminton, Indoor Soccer, Basketball, Cross Country and Badminton. I would particularly like to congratulate the Intermediate Badminton team and the Senior Badminton team for winning their competition. What an effort Ladies. I also take this opportunity to congratulate Brooke Azzopardi for placing in 6th place at the SCSA Cross Country an amazing effort given the number of competitors. Thank you to the staff who have given up their time to coach and support these teams.

Other Health and PE activities organised this semester included the fitness club and the introduction of running club. Both run at lunchtimes to give students an opportunity to remain active and keep fit. We look forward to interschool Soccer, Volleyball, Netball and Table Tennis which are all coming up next term. Students should refer to the bulletin for updates.

Miss Abbey Webster - Sport Coordinator
PERFORMING ARTS

We have seen out the term with two terrific performances showcasing the work of girls in the Co-Curricular Program.

Troupe participated in the CEO Wellbeing Festival at The Clocktower on Wednesday 17th July. Their performance was commended for its student driven content exploring anxiety, receiving the award for ‘Excellence in Creating a Personal Development Message.’ Our thanks go to David Ellis for his work in developing and rehearsing this powerful work.

On Wednesday a number of ensembles and soloists performed to students from local primary schools, and some residents of Woornack Aged Care Facility. It’s always such a fun concert, and the students get experience in performing to a younger audience. Our Co-Curricular Captains, MC’s for these concerts, Megan Ellis and Tiana Fitzgibbon, took on the challenge of hosting a show for younger listeners, supported by Production and Technical Co-Captains, Michelle Phung and Kaitlyn Taylor, on lighting and sound in the biobox.

We opened the Assembly on Thursday morning with a renewed version of our School Song, led by the Gospel Choir, who also gave us a musical reflection on our responsibility to care for the planet and share it with the other life forms around us.

Finally the rest of our music lesson students and ensembles celebrated their work with family and friends on Thursday 25th of June in he last showcase of the semester. We also wished a fond farewell to two of our instrumental lesson teachers, and wish them all the best in their future paths - Savanna Greichen (singing and piano) and Cary Wang (violin, piano and drums). We look forward to welcoming new staff into Performing Arts next term!

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the girls in their learning over the course of the semester, and we’re looking forward to a range of upcoming events. A quick taste - Gospel Choir are performing alongside the Sunshine Community Brass Cabaret on 25th July in the St Bernadette’s Community Hall in North Sunshine. The event is open to all. Please contact the director of Gospel Choir, Michael Cooper, for more information: mcooper@mariansw.catholic.edu.au We are also taking new members into our Piano Club for Term 3. This group is open to any student who learns piano or keyboard. It gives them the opportunity to meet together and perform in a supportive and encouraging environment. Anyone who would like to be involved can email pkeelkan@mariansw.catholic.edu.au for more information.

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

DESIGN EDUCATION

It has been a productive and pleasing term behind the doors of the new Design Warehouse. Staff and students are settling into the architecturally designed building. As Semester 2 begins, we can look back on how well students have worked to create beautiful pieces of art work ranging from ceramics, wood, sculpture and photography. Senior students have continued to work effectively on art folios.

Year 7 students begun practical rotations and have worked on ceramic and wood crazy creatures using colour, texture and following the design process to create these pieces. Over in the food technology room, students have prepared fruit salad, old fashioned scones and delicious choc chip and banana muffins. Year 8 students have also begun their practical rotations working on ceramic pots and wooden shelves. They too have been busy in the kitchen making pikelets and delicious hamburgers.

Year 9 students continue to taste a vast range of art subjects ranging from photography, sculpture, flat art and market making. The tasters program has run successfully for a number of years, allowing students to try a range of art techniques as well as work with specialty teachers who work consistently to create and scaffold successful courses.

Year 10 students worked in their chosen electives in Product Design and Technology, Photography, Food Technology and Studio Arts. Fabulous Corsets were constructed, colourful ceramics pieces were created and camera lights were flashing to produce interesting and captivating photos. The new darkroom is a valuable teaching area allowing students to use old school techniques in photography that mum and dad would so vividly recall.

Senior students are to be recognised for their successful completion of Units 1 and 3 in Studio Arts, Visual Communication and Design, Food Technology and Product Design and Technology. Now they must focus on Units 2 and 4 and continue on the path of success with determination. It’s not long now until the senior design staff begin preparing students for final exams. We wish the senior students and staff the very best for the hard work ahead.

The design team look forward to a bright future in the new Design Warehouse but more importantly the future of your daughter. The design staff will continue to nurture and develop the creativeness in each and every student.

Happy holidays from the Design Warehouse Team.

Kathy - Art Technician
REFUGEE WEEK AND WORLD REFUGEE DAY:
The Theme for 2015: With Courage let us all combine...
Taken from the second verse of the Australian national anthem, this year’s Refugee Week theme, ‘With courage let us all combine’, celebrates the courage of refugees who have refused to deny their beliefs or identity in the face of persecution, fled their homeland and often endured terrifying and dangerous journeys only to face the cruelty of detention before working hard to make a new life for themselves and their families.

This theme also serves as a call to action for all Australians: how can we stand up against injustice and work together to make our country one that lives up to its national anthem as a nation with boundless plains to share?

A couple of misconceptions about Refugees:

Fact 1: It’s not a crime to come to Australia by boat without a visa and ask for protection- But we found seven out of 10 people believe it is.

Fact 2: There’s no official queue for people coming to Australia seeking a safe place to live- But six out of ten people think there is.


Pop-Up Protest
On Sunday 21st of June some of Marian’s students supported the Refugee Advocacy Network at a ‘Pop-Up- Protest’ in the City Square by calling for recognition and action on behalf of those refugees seeking asylum in Australia. We, as a group, are demanding the policies that find refugees turned back, in off shore detention or women and children in detention be changed.

At the ‘Pop- Up -Protest’ we laid flowers for those who have lost their lives either in detention centres or trying to get to Australia. There was an installation called ‘Walk in their shoes’ to which we added a pair of shoes. The main activity of our students was making a message on the water wall and then some chalk messages of welcome and support.

EXCERPT FROM THE REPORT ON REFUGEES

‘Of the 59.5 million forcibly displaced people, 19.5 million are refugees living outside their country or territory of origin, 1.8 million are asylum-seekers whose refugee status has not yet been determined, and 38.2 million are internally displaced persons, those forced to flee violence or persecution but who have not crossed an international border.

Roughly 51 percent of the world’s refugees are children below 18 years of age, up from 41 percent in 2009 and the highest figure in over a decade. Worldwide, one in every 122 people is now either a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum.’


Dianne Reynolds - Justice and Democracy Forum Co-Ordinator

Office News

UNIFORM SHOP
Please note: The Uniform Shop (at Marian College) will NOT BE OPEN during the Term 2 2015 School holidays. Parents/Guardians will need to visit the store locations listed below to purchase school uniform.

Locations and Trading Hours

NOONE IMAGEWEAR TRADING HOURS
Mon - Fri : 9am to 5.30pm
Sat: 9am to 1pm
543 Keilor Road, Niddrie VIC 3042
Phone: 03 9379 5037 Fax : 03 9379 8446
Email : niddrie@noone.com.au

RUSHFORDS TRADING HOURS
Mon - Fri : 9am to 5.30pm
Sat: 9am to 1pm
Shop 3 - 5, Watton Arcade, 28 Watton St, Werribee
Phone: 03 9741 3211 Fax : 03 9741 3155
Email : rushfords@noone.com.au
LOTE

INDONESIAN
Salamat Pagi, nama saya Tam. Saya duduk di kelas sebelas Senior Claire. I have chosen Indonesian as one of my subjects because I consider Lote as a subject where you can achieve many opportunities. Learning Indonesian for over ten years has given me many experiences which has benefited my life for the better as the years went by. Students of all year levels should take this journey because it’s a learning curve which will guarantee a successful life. Having a second language as a reference means knowledge for the better.

Halo, nana saya An, saya duduk di kelas VCE Luke. I study Indonesian as one of my VCE subjects because Indonesian has lots of benefits for me such as future travel and the contribution to my ATAR. I can go to Indonesia to speak Indonesian and get bargain prices. Indonesian is my third language and I hope my classmates and I will do well for our Lote subject for semester two and our future.

Halo! Selamat pagi, nama saya Nicole Soulsby saya duduk di kelas sebelas di Marian College. I have chosen LOTE (Indonesian) as one of my electives for year 11 because I see the value this subject will hold in my future. Lote is a subject all students should take advantage of. By learning another language one will have the necessary strengths to enrol in a particular course after high school compared to a person who does not have the knowledge of a language other than English.

Trina Zhou - Language Teacher

ITALIAN - DANTE ALIGHIERI POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION
Once again the students of Italian in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 made the commitment to the Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation Competition. This commitment required them to learn a poem in Italian and recite it to judges at Melbourne University. And once again, the students did the school proud. Apart from there exemplary behaviour on the day, we managed to exceed the record for the number of certificates and finalists. The certificates that the girls were aiming for were: Certificato di Pregio (Certificate of Excellence), Certificato di Lode (Certificate of Praise) and Certificato di Merito (Certificate of Merit), and of course, not forgetting Finalista (Finalist).

Listed below are the finalists and the recipients of the certificate of Excellence however we would like to congratulate all those who received certificates.

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