From the Co-Principals

36 HOURS.
Wednesday 14th October 8.45am: The start of a new day in the learning and teaching program at Marian. For the Year 12 VCE students they enter the last section of their revision period after completing practice examinations last week. It’s a day for organising notes, reviewing past exam papers and clarifying elements of uncertainty.

9am: The Year 10 Adventure Sports class is all prepared for their experience in the outdoors at Angelsea and Lorne. They have spent plenty of time organising themselves to ensure that the camp is safe, enjoyable and the learning outcomes are achieved. These include a respect and understanding of the environment and how an experience in the Australian countryside can be enjoyed whilst ensuring there is a promotion of sustainable practices. The students also develop skills in relation to initiative, teamwork and co-operation.

9.30 am: The Co-Principals and Mrs Towns attend a Professional Learning activity based on the Enhancing the Catholic School Identity Project where we analyse the results of surveys undertaken earlier this year by staff, students and parents. It is important to name those qualities that identify us as a Catholic community. However, we understand that all individuals in our school are at different stages in their faith journey and may have different expectations as to how faith is expressed. At this point of the Christian story, in finding the right balance between the traditions of the past and a vision for the future, we need to be able to reconceptualise the story with a view to provide a deeper faith experience for our community.

10.20 am: The fortnightly Senior Pastoral Care period is used to raise awareness and provide information about issues that are relevant to senior students including future directions, courses of study, current societal issues, harm minimisation, and leadership. A shared morning tea has been arranged for this time and Year 11 students have created cards for the Year 12’s acknowledging their time at Marian and wishing them well for the future.

11.40am: The Year 7 Music and Drama program is in full swing. Music students get the opportunity to develop their music skills in a variety of ways, whether it be the theory class or the practical instrumental session. In drama the girls get to develop their own scripts and dramatic pieces which give them the confidence to perform in front of an audience. Many of these students will get the opportunity to present the outcome of their efforts to family and friends at a future time.

2.30 pm: Preparations for the transition of the 2016 Year 7 students are truly underway as uniform fittings are held in the uniform shop. There is an air of excitement, perhaps tinged with a little anxiousness, for these Grade 6 girls as the realisation is with them that the step to secondary school is now less than a term away.

4.00 pm: There have been many enquiries from families in our region about the program, structures and facilities that Marian offers. An Information Session and Tour for prospective families is held outlining our vision for schooling in the 21st Century, the emphasis on wellbeing and respectful relationships and the quality of learning and teaching program. On the tour, parents were impressed with all the recent physical developments and the state of the art facilities that can only enhance student outcomes.

PRAYER -
Christ be with me
Christ before me
Christ behind me
Christ in me
Christ beneath me
Christ above me
Christ on my right
Christ in the mouth of every person
who thinks of me
Christ in the heart of every person
who speaks of me
Christ in every eye that sees me
 Salvation is of the Lord
Amen

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EVENTS:

OCTOBER
16th
• Yr 12 Last day for submission of work (Semester 2)
• Marian News: Issue 16

20th
• JDF Forum - Students
• Language (CCAFL) Written Exams

21st
• Year 12 Celebration Day

22nd
• Awards Evening

26th
• Study day for Yr 11 students completing Unit 4 Exams

27th
• South Pacific Islander Parents 6.30pm-8.00pm
• Sudanese Parents Information Evening 5.00pm-6.15pm

28th
• Year 10 Adventure Sport Camp
• VCAA Written Exam Unit 4

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30th
• Year 10 Adventure Sport Camp
• VCAA Written Exam Unit 4
• Yr 11 Last day for submission of work (Semester 2)
• Marian News: Issue 17

NOVEMBER
2nd
• VCAA Written Exam Unit 4
• Correction Day - College Closed Except for VCAA Exams
From the Co-Principals (continued...)

Thursday 15th October 8.45am: The Year 7 Health Day has been organised as a complement to the Health and Physical Education program. The College encourages an emphasis on the physical wellbeing of girls and the activities on this day reinforce awareness on a fitness, good diet, sleep and leisure. The students realise that there is an opportunity for them to be active participants in developing a positive outlook for the future through a healthy lifestyle.

11.35 am: The Hospitality section of the Brigid Arthur Trade Training Centre is warmed up for the senior Hospitality Class to practice the culinary skills that have been acquired. In support of next weeks Year 12 Breakfast, the girls are preparing an enticing and wholesome feast for a hungry group of 120 diners. The students are looking to further developing their menu especially with a view to provide a healthy range of food throughout the school.

1.00 pm: The Justice and Democracy Group meets to review the year and look to transition their leadership roles for 2016. The group is determined to continue to raise awareness about those in our society who are the most vulnerable and they offer practical suggestions as to how others may become involved in their work.

1.30 pm: The Trade Training Centre changes focus and the Hairdressing Salon opens for business. Students have invited members of staff to come in as models as they get assessed on tints, foils and highlighting. The value of the TTC in providing work experience for our students cannot be underestimated—estimated as they process their theoretical knowledge into real-life experience.

3.00 pm: The Senior Performing Arts Showcase is on at 7pm so the students are in for last minute rehearsals. A vast array of talent will be on show and for some of the girls it is the last opportunity to perform in front of a Marian audience. The development in the music, drama and dance participation is evident as well as the commitment to excellence. The families are filled with pride as they see their daughters on stage, confident and assured, not only displaying their talents but a passion for something they love.

7.00 pm: The October meeting of the Marian Stewardship Council begins with prayer on the theme of Hospitality. The Council is an advisory body to the Co-Principals and comprises 12 members from many walks of life. The agenda for tonight includes a summary of the finances of the College, the Learning and Teaching Review, Occupational Health and Safety and reports from other Committees. The Co-Principals value the role that the Council plays in supporting the growth and development of the school. The members offer great insight and wisdom from their own experience and knowledge and from the connection they have had to the Brigidine and Marian traditions.

9.30 pm: The last doors are locked at the end of another day. Of course, this is just a snapshot from moments in time as we walk around the school. In every corner, at every time, there is something happening whether it be a science experiment, a soccer match or a painting drawn. Marian does not seem to be a place where there is nothing to do.

Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals

Faith and Mission

Over the last holidays I had the opportunity to join with 22 other people associated with Kildare Ministries to attend a pilgrimage to Ireland. We visited many places associated with the Brigidine and Presentation Orders. It was an opportunity to also tap into the Celtic Spirituality with the connection with creation and its importance to humanity.

Commencing with a centering prayer at the Emmaus Centre in Swords with Br Dennis, which focussed and stirred the heart of the individual pilgrim, we travelled to the ancient monasteries and centres of learning at Clonmacnoise. Churches and buildings are still in existence 1500 years later. It was truly an amazing site.

On we travelled to the city of Galway to visit the island of Innis Mor where we experienced the Celtic traditions and rituals, a truly spiritual day. For some of the group it meant a day walking to the summit of Croagh Patrick (St Patrick) whilst for others it was an opportunity to see within the landscape, the signs of the famine with the assistance of Michael Gibbons, an archaeologist. The garden of St Brigit was a wonderful representation of the seasons and the beauty of creation. It was an opportunity to learn more about the life of St Brigid and to sit and make the Brigidine Cross, which became a part of a liturgy we celebrated in the gardens.

We then travelled to Ballygriffin, to the birthplace of Nano Nagle. The Presentation nuns were very accommodating and enabled us to develop our knowledge of this remarkable woman. From here we went to Cork where Nano started her 7 schools. It was interesting to note that the Presentation Order had initially been asked by Bishop Daniel Delany to come to Tullow to help with the education of the young but the Presentation Sisters were not in a position to provide assistance at the time. As a consequence he commenced the Brigidine Order of Nuns.

The Brigidine Order of Nuns originated in Tullow. We spent 5 days there visiting special sites and listening to guest speakers on the beginnings of the Brigidine Order. It was extremely interesting and informative. These early days were difficult times, but the people of the period really valued education and opportunities for people to move forward and this is what occurred.

It was a time of pilgrimage, a time to reflect on the origins of the Brigidine Order and the Presentation Order truly obtaining an understanding of the overriding organisation of Kildare Ministries, which I am very pleased to have been a part of.

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

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 Wednesday 28 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 later in the year.

For Year 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 10s and 11s. Not only are these results included in the Semester 2 reports, but they will also be used to recognise academic excellence. Furthermore, results will be carefully reviewed as final approvals for pathways and subjects for 2016 are considered.

Year 10 and 11 Examinations will be held from Tuesday 10 November to Monday 16 November and the schedule will be made available to students soon. A Study Day is scheduled for Friday 9 November.

Year 9 Examinations will take place on 18 and 19 November, and for the first time, these students will sit their exams in the Ngali Building.

At Marian College we are firmly focused on continuously improving our academic standards, ensuring 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. Previously, we have discussed the importance of a "growth mindset". We encourage every student to believe that increased effort now will impact positively upon their results. Every student should take on this challenge and finish the year feeling satisfied with their achievements.

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

VCE

VCE EXAMS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Students studying 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 from Monday 5 October to 1 November

For all Students completing Unit 3/4 Sequences:
- VCAA End of Year Examinations from Monday 28 October to Wednesday 18 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 2015 - 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
PARENT FORUM HELD THIS WEEK – PAUL DILLON – ALCOHOL AND DRUGS AND ADOLESCENTS
This week we had the pleasure of welcoming back Paul Dillon – an expert on Alcohol and Drugs to speak to our Year 10-12 students and staff. He focussed on the latest trends in the use of drugs in society and what proactive measures we can take to develop our Pastoral Care programs. He stressed the need to build in our students a level of resilience and safe decision making so that they can always make appropriate choices.

We also held a parent forum so that parents could seek some support about how they may work with their daughter’s and the school to provide the safety net that they need to navigate this world.

Sadly, only a small number of parents supported the evening which is disappointing since the message that was delivered was invaluable.

We are evaluating the nature of the parent forums and we would value your feedback as to what the 2016 program may look like.

SELECTION OF THE 2016 LAMP BEARERS
We are in the final stages of the selection process of our 2016 Lamp Bearers and we look forward to naming them in the next edition of the Marian News.

In the coming days, staff and students of Year 11 will get to cast a vote as to their choice of Lampbearer and the results will be considered with the formal application and interview with the Co-Principals.

AWARDS NIGHT – THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
During the second week of the school holidays all award winners would have received an letter to indicate that they would be receiving an award on the 22nd of October.

Along with the entire Year 12 Graduating Class, who have also been invited, we look forward to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of so many of our girls.

Reply slips did accompany these letters and even if you do not require additional tickets the form needs to be returned so we can identify who will be present on the night.

If you require additional tickets then you can also ask for them on this form.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

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

SCIENCE

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY QUIZ
The Australian National Chemistry Quiz is an international competition that provides a major focus for secondary school students on the relevance of Chemistry. This year over 110,000 entrants from over 1600 schools throughout Australia and 17 neighbouring countries participated in this competition.

This year Marian College had both Year 11 and Year 12 VCE Chemistry classes participate in this prestigious competition and we are very proud of the achievements of our students.

The results are outlined below:

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Jessica Truong (Y11) - Distinction
Eleanor Breheny (Y11) - Credit
Maria Nguyen (Y11) – Credit
Ngan Nguyen (Y11) – Credit
Teresa Nguyen (Y11) – Credit
Ruvinie Pannala (Y11) – Credit
Stephanie Quach (Y11) – Credit

Mrs Matejin - VCE Chemistry Teacher
**LOTE**

**Selamat! Welcome All!**

Our year 7s have been introduced to vocabulary and grammar required to complete the unit on animals.

Students have created their own book about their favourite animal in Indonesian. They are now able to describe, using the Indonesian language, colours and features of several animals as well as their habitat and diet.

Students also had to use a variety of grammatical features including the use of particular verbs and prepositions.

To finish the unit, students will be going to an aquarium where they will be able to utilise their Indonesian knowledge and skills to identify and classify aqua marine animals.

All year 7 Indonesian students continue to earn points with Education Perfect.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 Indonesian students who have achieved above 2000 points with Education Perfect:

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Salam - **Veronika Petanic and Geoff Welby**

**The Arts**

**PERFORMING ARTS**

Performing Arts has started Term 4 off in style in preparation for a number of co-curricular events. These include the Year 12 Celebration Day, Awards Night, Year 12 Graduation Mass and our Showcase concerts in November. Some students have just sat or are about to sit AMEB exams, and we wish them all the best!

Our Showcase concerts are free and open to all. They are a great opportunity for students in the co-curricular program to perform formally in the Auditorium and show family and friends their work for the year.

We hope to see you there!

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

**DESIGN EDUCATION**

As quoted by many, Life is like a camera. Focus on what’s important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives. And if things don’t work out take another shot. Student have the opportunity to engage as photographers in Photo Club in the Design Warehouse. This term students have captured moments in time through the Photo Booth Project. Props were created and utilised to capture fun and inspiring photos. Memories that will last a lifetime.

Students had the opportunity to work in the dark room with photography chemicals to capture images without a camera. This image is known as a Photogram. An image magically appears on Ilford Multigrade paper using the dark room materials. It’s important that students use old school techniques when choosing photography as it’s a valuable tool for varied learning experiences.

*Nella Zagarella - Design Education Teacher*