YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY
We congratulate the Year 12 Students on their behaviour during the Celebration Day events. The sense of shared journey and story was clearly the focus of the festivities as students enjoyed breakfast with their teachers and peers, and then celebrated with the rest of the school community during an assembly. This assembly is always a special event with different groups of students offering thanks for friendships forged in many different ways.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
It is always a privilege to hear our student leaders offer their thoughts and reflections. Delia Micallef and Gemma Tuddenham reflected on their experiences during their time at Marian and as the College Lamp Bearers in 2015 during the assembly. They have offered an enormous amount to the school as leaders – from making connections with students across year levels, leading the SRC Group in their work and deliberations this year, being tremendous role models of community expectations and sharing their wisdom and learning with different groups within the community. They have been proactive and incredibly reliable leaders to whom many teachers have turned when the need arose. As Principals we have met with Delia and Gemma, and with Natalie Saunders and Alana Moretti (Year 12 SRC Students), regularly throughout the year and we have been genuinely impressed by the wisdom and depth of reflection that the girls have engaged in, and the different learning that have gleaned from their various experiences this year. We offer our congratulations to the girls for the way they have carried out their roles and the leadership they have offered the College Community.

Another very special part of the Celebration Day Assembly is the presentation of the 2016 Lamp Bearers. After a very rigorous process, including a written application and interview, we are very pleased to announce Sachini Bandaranayake and Elisa Tohi as the College Lamp Bearers and Tanya Nguyen and Tiana Fitzgibbon as the Year 12 SRC leaders for next year. Six girls were interviewed and the deliberations proved to be very difficult. We believe that all students involved in the selection process will contribute formally and informally to student leadership and we look forward to the Year 12 Leadership Camp at the beginning of 2016 where we focus on leadership skill development and setting plans for the coming year.

MARIAN COLLEGE AWARDS EVENING
We offer our congratulations to all of the students who received awards at the annual Marian College Awards Evening on October 23. We were very pleased to be able to celebrate their accomplishments with their families in the each area of the Marian College Core Values. The Principal’s Address reflected on the theme of “Faith in Action”. As a Brigidine Community the Core Values are a way we understand how our faith is reflected through action. The number of students receiving awards across the school is a testament to the way that our faith is being lived proactively and authentically within the community.

PRAYER -
November 1 -
All Saints Day
Dear Lord
We ask the support of all your saints who by their persistence and example have shown us how to live and love in Your ways. Give us strength to cope with the daily routines that wear us down. Help us to act as your witnesses when we respond to each other with love, not with impatience, carelessness, rudeness or fear. In your love, we can find our way forward into your promised heaven. We ask this together through Christ our Lord,

Amen

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KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

Co-Principals

Paul Dillon, from Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA), spent a day with members of the Marian College Community on Tuesday 13 October. He worked individually the Year 10, 11 and 12 Year Levels during the day, with staff members during staff meeting time and then with families in the evening. Paul’s message was tailored for each of the groups he worked with. However a clear message emerged from his work with the adults – parents and families are instrumental in supporting young people to make safe choices about drugs and alcohol. As the first and most important teachers, the modelling and messages that young people receive from the most significant people in their lives are likely to have the most impact on their future decision-making. It was disappointing that more families did not take advantage of Paul’s wisdom and expertise. Schools cannot work alone in this area and rely heavily on the influence of families in supporting young people.

We would like to recommend to you some resources that Paul Dillon suggested as guides to support our roles as parents and mentors.

- The Art of Authorative Parenting – Laurence Steinberg
- You and Your Adolescent – Laurence Steinberg
- Age of Opportunity – Laurence Steinberg
- Staying Connected to your teenager – Michael Riera

We hope that you find these resources useful.

Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Catholic bishops condemn victimisation of women in detention and offer support for Abyan and other refugees who are pregnant in difficult circumstances

Australia’s Catholic Bishops have condemned victimisation of women in detention and offered the Church’s support to help Somali refugee Abyan who was said to be a victim of rape and sexual assault.

Bishop Vincent Long, Bishops Delegate for Migrants and himself a refugee, made the offer of support on behalf of the Church today.

‘The Church wants to offer trauma-related counselling and practical support to Abyan, to help her feel supported during and after her pregnancy, and to other women who find themselves in the same horrific situation,’ Bishop Long said.

‘Given Abyan was raped and that it was Australia who released her into the community in Nauru, we have a duty to provide her the appropriate services and care in Australia.

‘We want to honour the human dignity of both Abyan and her child.

‘Both Abyan and her child are victims of an unjust and immoral system.

‘Mandatory and indefinite detention for asylum seekers who come by boat and banishing people to overseas detention fails to uphold justice and mercy and is immoral.

‘One way Catholics demonstrate God’s mercy and love on earth is through the services our agencies provide in healthcare and social welfare to look after our fellow Australians. We want the opportunity to be able to help Abyan and her child too.’

The Catholic Church teaches that human life is sacred because each person is created in the image and likeness of God. The human dignity of each person is inalienable. The human dignity and human rights of asylum seekers must be upheld at all times, regardless of their citizenship, visa status and mode of arrival.

The bishops have repeatedly called for the end of mandatory detention and for the closure of offshore processing centres like Nauru. The Catholic Church advocates for just and rapid procedures to determine each person’s claim for protection.
Learning and Teaching

VCE

**VCAA 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

Student Wellbeing

**AWARDS EVENING ON THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER**
Our annual awards evening was held on Thursday 22nd October with over 150 award recipients being recognised for the way that these students have lived out our Marian core values over the course of the year.

The final award of the evening was the announcement of the Kinsella Award recipient who, over the course of their 6 years at Marian, has been an inspiring witness to the core values and modelled to her peers what it means to be a young Brigidine woman. This year’s recipient was Alana Moretti (pictured).

The Awards Night also allows our whole community to acknowledge and celebrate the final year of our Year 12 cohort and recognise their achievement of successfully completing their secondary education at Marian.

This evening is truly the largest celebration that we have as a community and it is so pleasing that it is supported by our parent community.

In this edition of the Marian all of our award recipients have been acknowledged.

**ELECTION OF OUR NEW LAMP BEARERS FOR 2016**
Last week we had our Year 12 Celebration Day which also means that we reach that time in the year where our Lamp Bearers for 2015 Gemma and Delia hand over responsibility to our new Lamp Bearers for 2016. These students are revealed for the first time to the whole school community.

We are pleased to announce that the new Lamp Bearers for 2016 are:
Elisa Tohi and Sachini Bandaranayake

We look forward to working with these two young women in 2016 and watching them grow in their leadership role and living out our Brigidine Core Values.

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

Long Tan
Year 10 — Chloe Rose Anastasio
Year 12 — Tammy Vu

LOTE Scholarship
Elisa Bova - Italian
Trisha Razon - Indonesian

VET in Schools Excellence Award
Vanessa Pham

Caltex All Rounder Award
Gemma Tuddenham

Creative Music Bursary Award
Courteney Gatt
Cherize Ramenaden

Strength and Kindness

Living with Joy and Perseverance

Practising Justice and Service

Welcoming All
**Awards Winners**

**Love of Learning**

**Delany Achievement and Endeavour**

**Sporting Achievement and Endeavour**

**Performing Arts Achievement and Endeavour**

**Kinsella Award**

**Year 12 Graduands**
PERFORMING ARTS

One of the highlights of the year for Performing Arts ensembles is joining together to farewell the Year 12 students and acknowledge the Year 11s as the new school leaders as part of the Year 12 Celebration Day Assembly. The Year 12 ensembles - singers of Gospel Choir, Senior Acoustic Band (KAT) and the Senior Rock Band - all joined together to perform “Centuries” for their peers.

On Awards Night the Gospel Choir performed a song written especially for the occasion by Year 11 member and VCE Music student Lakiu Latu. Entitled ‘Thankyou’, the song was a heartfelt acknowledgment to all parents for the role they play in the girls’ lives, from very first breath through to this significant time. As the Lamp of Learning was being transferred from the current School Captains to the Captains of 2016 the Year 11 Rock Band played ‘Hall of Fame’ with all the other ensemble members joining in at the chorus.

We would like to acknowledge the Year 12 students who have been such a significant part of Performing Arts in their time here at Marian College. They have variously performed, held positions of leadership and/or taken VCE Music or Drama. They are: Trisha Gajeton, Genevieve Gale, Karine Ha, Dorothy Iaopo, Delia Micallef, Prashanti Middling, Alana Moretti, Natalie Saunders, Vi Pham, Michelle Phung, Vi Pham and Alexandra Yakovlev

We thank them for all they have contributed, congratulate them on all they have gained, and wish them, and all our graduating students, the very best in the exams and years ahead.

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

DESIGN EDUCATION

Marian College 2015 Art and Design Exhibition Opening night: Wednesday 18th November 6.00 - 7.30pm Followed by the Annual Music Concert 7.30 - 9.30pm RSVP: 196 Glengala Road, West Sunshine www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au Ph: 9363 1711

Invite design by Christina Tran
**Youth of the Year 2015**

The Lions Club of Sunshine conducted its annual Lions NAB Youth of the Year competition last week at Harvester Primary School. The overall winner was Alannah Ciangura from Marian College, Sunshine.

Competing students are judged on their leadership, sporting and cultural activities and their community involvement. The judging culminated in the students being assessed on their public speaking ability before an audience of Lions Club members, parents, teachers and fellow students.

Alannah competed against several other students from the area and will go on to the Region final of the competition where she will compete against contestants from 6 other Western Suburbs Lions Clubs in early 2016. From there she has a chance to go on to state and national levels.

Alannah lives with her family in Sunshine. Her interests include drama, martial arts, dance and sport. She has participated in many programs and activities at Marian College. She is also a member of the Marian Leo Club, which is a Lions project for young people to serve the community.

President of the Sunshine Lions Club, Geoff Darker, commented on the quality of the students who competed at this year’s competition and their involvement in the community.

The Sunshine Lions Club would like to thank the students who competed in this year’s competition and the National Australia Bank for continued support of the competition.

*Mr Raymond Barry*

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**Science**

On Monday 26th of October, all Year 8 students ventured out to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX as part of their Geology unit for Science.

The students viewed two exhibitions; The Dinosaur Walk and the Dynamic Earth whilst at the Melbourne Museum.

‘The Dinosaur Walk’ exhibition featured dinosaurs and Megafauna fossils that enabled our students to view a variety of skeletons from the side, inside and above. There were tangible objects, immersive experiences and multimedia exhibits that allowed the students to explore how these prehistoric animals moved, ate and survived in their changing environments.

‘The Dynamic Earth” exhibition revealed gold nuggets, giant crystals and uncut diamonds in a stunning display that used cutting-edge technology and thousands of minerals to tell the story of our ever-changing planet. This also highly visual and immersive exhibition explored Earth’s formation, the composition of layers within the Earth, rock formation and geological processes through extensive displays.

To complete this amazing day, our students then watched, Dinosaurs: Prehistoric Planet in 3D at IMAX. This amazing documentary took us back in time to an extraordinary prehistoric world: Alaska in the Cretaceous period, 70 million years ago – the last great flourish of the dinosaur era. The girls were taken on a journey through the seasons, and experienced a year in the life of dinosaurs fighting, feeding, migrating, playing and hunting.

*Suzanne Matejin (Year 8 Science teacher)*
At the moment in Year 8 Italian, our girls are focusing on the grammatical concept of articulated prepositions. Of course, grammar is never looked at in isolation, but as part of the topic being studied, which at the moment is “Roma e Le Feste” (Rome and Festivals).

So what is the articulated preposition? This is when we attach an Italian preposition (in English we might say ‘on, in, of, from’, etc) to the Italian definite article (in English, ‘the’). It’s not uncommon for the teachers to say that we ‘marry’ them because they cannot live apart!

Although there is one set of prepositions in Italian, it is another story when we discuss ‘the’. In Italian, ‘the’ is written differently depending on whether the noun it is attached to is masculine or feminine, singular or plural. In the table to the right, the prepositions are found in the left hand side column, with the definite articles running across the top row. To create the articulated preposition, one simply finds the preposition and the relevant definite article, then run your fingers across and down presto! – the articulated preposition.

If your daughter is in Year 8 Italian, please ask her to explain it further to you.
Alla prossima….

Joan Fabbian – Italian teacher

Salam dari kelas 8,
This term the Year 8 Indonesian class studied the ancient Hindu myth, the Ramayana. It is an important story that has been adapted over many years by the Indonesians and is told and retold in performances of dance and puppetry. They work in a group and create their own presentation of the story as Wayang Kulit.

All Year 8 Indonesian students have started to earn points with Education Perfect. Congratulations to the following Year 8 Indonesian students who have achieved more than 2,000 points with Education Perfect:

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Salam,
Ibu Trina

Community News

Combined Reunion
for Marian College students who graduated in the years 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005
Saturday 21st November 1-4pm
Marian College

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