From the Co-Principals

Two weeks ago we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension where Jesus left the disciples to continue his work here on earth. He left them so that they could really grow and live by his teaching...that they could show his love and life in their own lives. We too are left with this example and we are entrusted with a mission to pass on the best of ourselves, so that those around us may learn to express goodness in their own, exceptional way. To do that takes sacrifice in many different ways: by promoting freedom you have to be prepared to watch other make mistakes, even ones that hurt. You may have to be prepared to be rejected, at least occasionally, and you have to trust them to do things in their way. No matter, the work of spreading the good news has been left in our hands.

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost comes fifty days after the feast of the resurrection, and marks the close of the Easter season. On this particular day of Pentecost we recall a special gift, given to us by Jesus himself – the gift of the Holy Spirit. How is the Spirit of God active in our lives? Where can we see the Spirit of God active in the lives of others? What does this mean? What do we see when we see the Spirit of God being active in ourselves and others?

Scripture tells us that the disciples received the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire. The tongues are a sign of a new people: many people of diverse cultures and nations coming to understand the language of Christ. At the time of Jesus' passion and death the disciples were fearful, weak and a fractured group. The power of Pentecost is exemplified from their opportunity to recover unity and establish communion around this Word. For our College it can only serve as a wonderful vehicle to promote an example of unification for the wider community.

With Pentecost also comes the sign of evangelization. The gift of the Holy Spirit strengthened the disciples and the fear of death was dispelled from their hearts. They are not afraid any more to risk their lives, but with passion and boldness they announce to their community and beyond, their mistake and they call them to faith in Jesus Christ. The gift of the Holy Spirit has made them sharers in the victory over death.

So as a Marian Community are we a new people, filled with wisdom and evangelizing the Good News? Do we truly give witness to the gifts we receive through the Spirit? Galatians 5:22 list the fruits of the Spirit as being: self‐control, gentleness, truthfulness, faithfulness, goodness, joy, peace, patience, kindness, humility, and the one that encompasses them all, love. We don’t just get given these fruits. We need to allow the Spirit of God to work within us. When we let the Spirit of God into our hearts and allow The Spirit to work in us, like the disciples on that Pentecost day, we feel different. We feel good. We feel and see in us, (and others would see in us too), that particular fruit of the Spirit at work. Finally, by allowing the Spirit of God to work in us, we are being true disciples of Jesus. We are continuing his work of spreading his Good News. We are daring to reach out to others, challenging injustice and striving to make a difference, just like Jesus would expect us to.

Rita Grima and Raymond Pisani - Co-Principals
Faith and Mission

On the 15th of May, the Catholic Church celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. For the early disciples it was a fearful time, not knowing what was going to happen, yet so much happened to transform the lives of the disciples and the later followers of Christ. And this transformation still occurs today. On the 14th of May, at Mother of God Church Ardeer, students from the primary school were getting confirmed and the Saturday Evening Mass was celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long. It was lovely to see so many of our local families celebrating this next part of the spiritual and transformational journey of their children. We, in the community of the Church, also gained in the acknowledgement of these young people.

We are all on a journey of life in faith! We, at Marian College challenge our students and staff to follow the path of Christ; to live justly, to love beyond measure, to treat all people with kindness and act with courage in the actions we live out in our everyday lives. I often refer to students the following commandments of Jesus, frequently referred to as the greatest commandment: ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:38-40) Jesus lays a challenge for us! To love God is of the utmost importance however to love all others as your self is an ideal love, the ideal we should all work towards. To love those that are difficult to love is the greatest of challenges in our journey of faith.

ACTIVITIES
St Vincent de Paul Group has commenced a regular hot drink fundraiser on Thursdays at lunchtime. The first session on the 12th of May was well received and worked in conjunction with a LEO’s luncheon fundraiser. Well done to all the students involved.

Faith and Mission

Learning and Teaching

NAPLAN 2016
Students in Year 7 and Year 9 completed their National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) last week. The students are to be commended on the way that they approached these tests. Results should be available in August. Whilst these tests do provide information about individual student achievement, compared with national standards, we are most interested in seeing student progress across Years 7 to 9. This information provides us with valuable information about the impact of our teaching and learning programs and enables us to target these programs more effectively.

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS AND YEAR 10/11 STUDY DAY
The Semester 1 Examination Period is rapidly approaching. The examinations take place from Tuesday 14 June and continue until Friday 17 June. As indicated in the previous edition of the Marian News, a key to success is planning and studying in advance and, by now, students should have adopted a well-planned program of study. Furthermore, to ensure that students are able to perform optimally in these examinations, Friday 10 June is a Study Day for our Year 10 and Year 11 students. Students are not required to attend school on this day; however, students may study at school, if needed. All students in other year levels are required to be at school on that day.

The Examination Timetable for all Year 10 students (excluding Applied Learning students) and Year 11 VCE students is available on SEQTA Engage and Learn. Letters outlining details of arrangements will be mailed to all families soon.

Students are only required to attend school when they have an examination; however, if a student has an examination in the first and third session on a day, they are required to remain at school during their break. A supervised study centre will be available at the College throughout the examination period. Students who are at school and not in examinations are required to use the allocated facility for silent revision.

It is important to note that Semester 1 examination results will also influence the subject selection process for 2017. In approving VCE subjects for students, the College aims to support students to enrol in studies in which they will have the greatest opportunity for success and have demonstrated the knowledge, understanding and skills required to meet the requirements of the study. For this reason, students receiving unsatisfactory examination scores may not be approved for enrolment in related VCE studies. Students applying for accelerated studies should be achieving a minimum of 75% in related subject examinations.

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**Learning and Teaching continued**

**YEAR 9 EXAMINATIONS**
Year 9 students will sit examinations in Themes, Mathematics, Science and Religious Education on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 June. This will be the students’ first experience with subject examinations at Marian College. Year 9 Pastoral Care Teachers will cover examination and study skills in class, to assist the students with their preparation.

Please note that, as for Year 10 and 11 students, the Year 9 Semester 1 examination results will influence the subject selection process for 2017. Students receiving unsatisfactory examination scores may not be approved for enrolment in some studies in Year 10. Students applying for accelerated studies, should be achieving a minimum of 75% in the related examinations.

A detailed letter outlining processes and expectations will be sent to all families next week.

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

**Student Wellbeing**

**BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS REMINDER FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS**
We would like to remind all of our students of the importance of representing our school in the manner that demonstrates pride in our community and school.

This is particularly important when on excursions, travelling to and from school on public transport and whenever they are on activities on behalf of our school.

Appropriate behaviour when in public spaces or on public transport is particularly important as when any of our students are in our school uniform, the manner and way in which they conduct themselves reflects on all members of our community and on the values of the school.

**UNIFORM REMINDERS**
With the winter months quickly approaching it is important to remind all of our students about some uniform issues that have arisen due to the cooler weather.

A small number of students have taken to wearing hoodies as an additional part of their sports uniform or as an additional item between their jumper and their blazer.

A note is being posted in the bulletin that will indicate that any student who is discovered having these additional items will have them removed and returned at the end of the term.

We would encourage all girls who are starting to feel the cold to wear items such as singlets or thermals under their shirts and the uniform tights.

All of our rooms are heated throughout the day and when weather conditions are extreme we allow students to access classrooms at recess and lunchtime. Students also have the opportunity to utilise areas such as the Resource centre during breaks as well.

**CALENDAR CHANGES**
The School Leadership Team address concerns about events on the school calendar that impact on the teaching and learning program.

We will be holding our first Cross Country event next Friday the 27th of May. It will be held during periods 3 and 4 at Brimbank Park. All students will participate in the event and raise points for their house.

Please note that due to calendar scheduling Brigidine Celebration Day has been moved to Wednesday 31st August and our Athletics Carnival has been moved to Friday 9th September.

*Kerrie Williams - Assistant to the Co-Principals – Student Wellbeing*
The GAT (General Achievement Test) is the only VCAA examinations held in June.

The GAT will be conducted on Tuesday 7 June and must be completed by students enrolled in one or more Unit 3/4 VCE or VCE VET subjects.

To assist with organisation, students should be at school by 9:15am to check seating arrangements and ensure that dictionaries and stationery can be checked.

The General Achievement Test (GAT) is a test of general knowledge and skills in:
- written communication
- mathematics, science and technology
- humanities, the arts and social sciences

Because it is a general test, no special study is required for the GAT. Students have already done preparation for the GAT in past study of subjects like English, Mathematics, Science and History, where they have built up general knowledge and skills in writing, numeracy and reasoning. These are the knowledge and skills that will be tested.

Marian students will have GAT preparation presentations in their Senior Assemblies covering VCAA rules and provided information to assist them in preparing for the written communication, Mathematics and Visual arts components.

Students have received a personal GAT timetable and a VCAA GAT brochure detailing general advice on GAT preparation and how the GAT can be used. If any student has misplaced or did not receive these items, they can be collected from the VCE Coordinator.

Some FAQs about the GAT (from the VCAA website)

How is the GAT used?
The VCAA will use the students’ GAT scores as a basis for:
- contributing to statistical moderation of school-based assessment results
- checking the accuracy of external assessment marking
- calculating the Derived Examination Scores.

Why do students have to do the GAT?
The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures. The GAT results play an important role in checking that school assessments and examinations have been accurately assessed, and in determining Derived Examination Scores (DES)*.

*The DES may be applied for in extreme cases where a student whose performance on an examination is affected by the onset of illness, accident or personal trauma.

All applications for a Derived Examination Score are assessed by a trained, external panel. If an application is approved, a student’s GAT scores will be used in the calculation of the Derived Examination Score.

So it is important to sit the GAT and do as well as possible on all parts of it.
The GAT is used in these ways because achievement on the GAT is a good predictor of achievement on other assessments. If students have done well on the GAT, then their achievements are likely to be high on their school assessments and examinations.

How do you prepare for the GAT?
Students can best prepare by working through past GAT papers. They should familiarise themselves with these questions and note that all the information needed to work out the correct solutions. Samples of the GAT Question Book and Answer Book cover will be given to students and further information and past GAT papers can be obtained from the VCAA website.

Further information on the GAT is provided on the GAT Brochure, which students have received and can be accessed at the following link:

We wish all the girls well in their preparation for the GAT.

Anne Daunt - VCE Coordinator
Science

This term in Year 8 Science, students are learning about Human Body Systems. Students are partaking in various lab dissections throughout the term to gain a better understanding of the anatomy of organs. This week, students dissected a sheep’s heart and were able to explore the structure of a heart. Students approached the task with much curiosity and enthusiasm - Ms Duong (Year 8 Science Teacher)

“I really enjoyed the heart dissection because it was interesting and it helped me learn about the blood pathway and how the heart works. I had so much fun because I worked with my friends and we all learnt and experienced this together" – Juliana Zace Year 8 Mary

“The heart dissection was exciting, I thought it was fun touching the heart and observing the chamber” – Mai Hoang Year 8 Mary

“The prac helped me learn about the deoxygenated and oxygenated blood pathways” Mele Fifita Year 8 Mary

“I felt that the heart dissection was a good opportunity for us to see parts of the heart and it very was educational” – Kim Bui Year 8 Mary

LOTE

Salam dari kelas 8,
This term year 8 Indonesian learn about tropical fruits such as Rambutan, Durian, Nangka, etc and Indonesian food. Students had to create a menu for an Indonesian restaurant. In the coming weeks, our students are going to an excursion to Little Saigon Market in Footscray to see various types of tropical fruit and vegetables. They will also go to an Indonesian restaurant, Uleg Restaurant in Brunswick. Students will also experience Indonesian food.

We know our students will have a fantastic and memorable time during the excursion.

Salam,
Ibu Trina

JDF

JDF has been quite busy these past couple of months! On the last week of Term 1, we celebrated Cultural Diversity Night. Some of our upcoming events for JDF include Just One Day, National Sorry Day and we have already started planning out ideas for Brigidine Day. More news will be coming shortly in the Marian News and Bulletin so stay tuned to the latest updates of JDF. We also have plans for a winter sleep in and we ask that you please inform one of the JDF members if you are interested in participating.

‘If you want peace, work for justice’ Pope Paul VI

Ms Scott, Tam and Tacchia
Performing Arts

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC AND DRAMA PROGRAMS

We are gearing up for a big finish to the term with four concerts in the next few weeks. Our Performing Arts Co-Captains are getting ready to run the concerts and operating the lighting and sound to support some great performances showcasing the work of individual students and ensembles over the semester.

Next week we showcase aspects of the breadth of the Performing Arts classroom and co-curricular programs to Grade 5 and 6 student from a range of local primary schools, as well as some older residents from our community in the Performing Arts Schools’ Matinee. This will take place on Wednesday 25th May.

We also showcase performances from our Co-curricular program in our evening concert to be held next Thursday 26th May from 7-8.30pm in the College’s O’Neill Auditorium. There will be everything from Rock bands to Concert Band to solo or duet performances by students taking instrumental/singing lessons. We are particularly excited to introduce our new student mentors. 2016 is the first year of a new type of leadership in Performing Arts, where students run or mentor ensembles. We have started with Vocal Ensemble and Junior Rock Band this year. This will be their first public performance. The concert is free and all are welcome.

Soon after we will showcase some of the work of our VCE students. This concert will take place on Tuesday 7th June, from 7-8.30pm in the College’s O’Neill Auditorium. Drama and Music performances will be featured on this night and all are welcome.

The musical highlight of this week was the lunchtime concert given by some of our piano players, who are members of the Piano Club, co-ordinated by Mr Keelan. The concert included pieces from a range of music styles, much to the delight of a supportive student audience. The girls also learned more about how to use the stage and respond to an audience from Mr Keelan. Congratulations to all involved.

Finally we will celebrate the work of the students in our Junior classes. There will be performances by Year 7 Concert Bands and Drama ensembles, Yr 8 Rock Bands and Drama ensembles, and from Year 9 students. This concert will take place on Thursday 16th June, from 7-8.30pm in the College’s O’Neill Auditorium, and all are welcome.

We would like to thank all our students, staff and families for their enthusiasm and support of the Performing Arts program here at Marian College. We look forward to seeing you at one of more of these performances. If you have any queries regarding the concerts please contact Mari Eleanor at the College.

Mari Eleanor - Performing Arts Co-Curricular Programs
Fundraiser

Dear Parents,

Marian College are fundraising with SilkRoc Soy Candles to raise money for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Fund.

SilkRoc is making it easy for us to raise funds with their beautifully scented Soy Candles and Room Sprays. SilkRoc has 12 delightful scents to choose from which are sure to fill your home with a beautiful aroma. They are also a great gift idea.

How does the fundraiser work?

We will sell the SilkRoc Metro candle, which comes individually boxed, at a price of $23.00 each, the small candle for $12, the SilkRoc 200ml room spray for $17 and Melts at a price of $7.50 each. Benefits from each candle and room spray sold will go towards the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Fund.

The Fragrances available are:

- Vanilla Creamy vanilla
- Sweet Candy: A very sweet floral
- Oriental Bloom: Fresh floral peony with a hint of vanilla
- Summer Fresh: Summer stone fruits infused with spearmint
- Citrus Berry: Citrus fruits combined with berries
- Magnolia: Soft floral notes
- Cinnamon Spice: Strongly spiced pear with vanilla and cinnamon
- Mexican Passion: Lemon, lime, orange and passionfruit
- Miami Sauce: Vanilla with coconut and lime
- Oriental Tea: Jasmine, green tea and lemongrass
- Jaffa: Vanilla mixed with orange
- Lemon Breeze: Vanilla, lemon and brown sugar

Ordering is easy:

1. Simply place your order and pay for the quantity of candles, melts or room sprays you require through Marian College.
2. SilkRoc will deliver to Marian College directly.

You can order as many as you like! Delivery will be within 2-3 weeks from your order being placed.

If you’re unsure which scent to choose, the SilkRoc Metro candle and room spray will be displayed with all available fragrances for you to try and choose your desired fragrance in the VCAL room.

Order Form Return Date:
Please return attached order form and payment to the VCAL girls at Marian College. Orders can be placed at any time during the term.

Any enquiries can be directed to Mary Sanelli on 0408 122 292 or Geraldine Ramondetta on 0412 867 064

Regards

VCAL Girls

Marian College, Sunshine
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Marian College
VET
HOSPITALITY SHOWCASE DINNER

26th May
&
2nd June
6.30 pm – 9pm

4 Course Meal
$25 per person*
*Family discount available

Bookings 9363 1711

Marian Coffee Shop

From 27th April
Every Wednesday this term
Time: 9am to 10am
Cost: $3.50
Location: Marian College
Enter through Front Office
Drop your kids off and come in for a cuppa

COFFEE AVAILABLE
- Lattes
- Hot chocolate
- Double blacks
- Mochas
- Long black’s
- Short black’s
- Cappuccino’s
- Macchiatos
- Piccolo lattes
- Flat white
- Also will be tea & herbal tea

Look forward to seeing you there
Leo Club
The Leo Club would like to thank Moka Foods of Laverton for their kind donation of potato cakes which allowed the club to raise over $500 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Community News

Combined Reunion
Saturday 10th September 1-4pm
Marian College
enter at gate 3
Enquiries & RSVP: 9363 1711
jheaney@mariansw.catholic.edu.au
CAREERS & PATHWAYS PROGRAM – PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CAREERS DAY PRESENTATIONS
WED 22ND OR THURS 23RD JUNE

We are seeking parent volunteers who would be willing to speak to the girls in year 10 about either of the following:
- Your career and the path that you have followed to get there.
- If you are a small business owner you could talk to our students about what you look for when you are employing staff.
- You may know of any other industry professionals from the area who would like to participate.

For further details and to volunteer for this event please email jheaney@mariansw.catholic.edu.au