On Saturday September 10 we will host some of the alumni of the years ending in six who will return to enjoy this year’s reunion. They will come and reminisce about past days, look over old photos and magazines, and search for the places they used to go. The previous Saturday, September 3, we welcomed the 2017 Year 7 students and their families, some of who will be experiencing their first year at the College. In two months’ time our current Year 12’s will graduate from the school ready to take on their own particular pathway. Past, present and future connected by a single entity that provides them the opportunity to forge an association that can never be broken, that is, they are all Marian students.

Those who come back to visit the College will immediately be taken by the physical changes on the property. The emergence of new buildings and refurbishment of old ones. They often exclaim, “This wasn’t here when I was here.” Of course, that is a good thing as it proves that there has been development and progress. However, we would hope that they would also see many commonalities. For those who attended Brigidine Celebration Day they would have witnessed a commitment to faith and spirituality as well as a dedication to social justice. The collection of food and clothing, the packing of toiletries, the creation of handmade items and the donation of money in the name of service to the poor and oppressed displayed the continued support of the Brigidine tradition.

Those who are beginning the Marian journey would be comforted by the group of Year 11 student leaders who, on their Leadership Day, identified causes for action that will support their transition into secondary school. These leaders have a true sense of school spirit and know the value of participation and involvement in community groups and activities. They aim to promote peer-to-peer mentoring and provide opportunities for other leaders to show initiative and develop student programs. They are committed to be leaders who will staunchly protect our safe and welcoming environment.

Most of those Year 12 students coming to the end of their time at secondary school will be finishing off course work and preparing for examinations. In doing so they will be displaying qualities of perseverance, dedication and organisation. Living out the adage “practice makes perfect” may be the number one goal as students review past papers and identify strengths and areas for improvement. The Year 12 VCAL students are also finalising their own requirements for satisfactory completion of their certificates. Displaying a positive outlook and making their mark as Marian students creates the perfect segway to expanding the number of alumni of the school.

Past, present and future students of Marian. Our lives give us the opportunity to make the most of all its parts if we remember:

“The past is an experience, the present is an experiment and the future is an expectation. Use your experience in your experiments to achieve your expectations.”

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

On the 8th of September the Catholic Church celebrated the birth of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. A woman who lived as an example to all of us as, showing how we should live our lives. She was given the blessing of being the mother of Jesus, she was, and learnt to be, loving, strong, patient, tolerant and accepting. What she was called to do was not easy, but she worked through her mission and service in life. The Hail Mary, for this reason, indicates that she was full of grace, the grace of God, and she was blessed for what she was and what she did, even when it wasn’t easy.

Our lives aren’t always easy. We see or experience suffering and difficulties in life but sometimes we need to recognise that these are times of blessing, times of challenge that develop us into a person that is stronger and more understanding.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta who was proclaimed a saint on the 4th of September, was guided by the actions and life of Mary, and she dedicated her life to helping, working and living with the poor of India. “I see somebody dying, I pick him up. I find somebody hungry, I give him food. He can love and be loved. I don’t look at his color, I don’t look at his religion. I don’t look at anything. Every person whether he is Hindu, Muslim or Buddhist, he is my brother, my sister.” (St. Teresa of Kolkata)

Brigidine Celebration Day on the 31st of August was an opportunity for the students to pray, learn and celebrate the Brigidine Tradition at the College. Our guest speaker for the day was Jess Hackett a teacher from Killester College. She has a passion for social justice and a desire to actively make a difference. Jess talked about the walk she took from Melbourne to Canberra to petition the Government to release the detainee Asylum Seekers, she also collected signatures along the way. The students were impressed with her message of being active in working for justice.

Then each year level worked to either raise funds or create parcels to donate to the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP). It was being guided by Jesus and the Gospel values, by Mary, the saints like Teresa of Kolkata and Brigid, Nano Nagle and Bishop Daniel Delany to act in a manner that is benefitting all people. Truly endorsing our theme from Pope Francis “A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

Mary-Louise Towns - Assistant to the Co-Principal - Faith and Mission

Learning and Teaching

REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

We will no longer be issuing the Marian College Interim Reports. With ongoing results and feedback available to students and parents via SEQTA Learn and Engage, these brief snapshot reports are no longer necessary.

The formal end-of-semester reports will continue to be produced and at the moment we are implementing some changes as we move to report against the new Victorian Curriculum standards. We are designing more effective ways to report individual progress. This will be clear, easy to understand and should enable students and their parents to track student progress from Years 7 to 10 at Marian College.

UNIT 3/4 ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATIONS

As communicated previously, Marian Practice Examinations are compulsory for all students studying scored Unit 3/4 Studies. These examinations will be held from Monday 26 September to Friday 30 September. The Practice Examination Block will provide essential, realistic examination practice for students in their Unit 3/4 subjects.

The timetable has been messaged to all students via SEQTA and has been included on the SEQTA Senior Certificates Student Information Portal Page. It is also available on the College Website. All practice examinations are being conducted at Marian College, upstairs in the Ngali Centre, under strict examination conditions. Students should arrive at least 30 minutes before the beginning of their session to check the seating plan and store bags away.

Students are only required to attend school for their scheduled practice examinations and should study at home at other times. Attendance will be recorded at each practice examination, so students do not need to sign in at Student Reception. However, students must sign in if they are on the College grounds outside their scheduled practice examination times. Students may wear casual dress and must adhere to all other Marian College Behaviour Expectations.

It is essential that your daughter prepares conscientiously for these examinations to ensure the most benefit. In addition to providing a vital opportunity to practise examination techniques, the students will also receive valuable performance feedback. This feedback should enable students to identify focus areas for their study and revision in the final weeks leading up to the VCAA Examinations.

YEAR 9 2017

As mentioned in the last edition of the Marian News, Year 8s will select their Year 9 “Tasters” (elective) subjects for next year, early in Term 4. There will be an assembly for the current Year 8 students providing information about the choices available and, on Wednesday 5 October, there will be a Year 9 2017 Parent Information Evening from 7pm. This information evening will provide parents with an overview of the Year 9 Program at Marian College, including the elective or “Tasters” subjects. Letters outlining these details will be mailed next week and the Year 9 Subject Handbook will be available on SEQTA Learn and Engage, as well as the College website by the beginning of the holiday break.

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

On Wednesday 31st August we celebrated our annual Brigidine Celebration Day that was focussed on our core value of “Practicing Justice and Service” and linked to our theme for the year of:

>A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just

The day began with our school mass beautifully celebrated by Father Manual. Afterwards each year level had a particular focus for service – Year 8’s made bracelets for sale, Year 9’s made a hand collage linked to the theme, VCE students packaged toiletries and clothes or made cards for sale for Michelle Newland.

After the completion of these activities there was more fun – rides and amusements, fairy floss and sausage sizzles, cupcakes and toffees and the dunking machine that saw both Mr. Cameron Woolcock and Mr. Matthew Baker end up in the drink (so to speak) on many occasions and did so with such good spirit.

Finally the day ended with the playing of some old and new music by our invited band, The Players, that resulted in many of our senior girls enjoy a dance – perhaps celebrating their last Brigidine Celebration Day.

All the toiletries on the day will go to ASRC, the clothes to St. Vincent de Paul and the money raised will go to the chosen charities of Year 9 and the Brigidine Relief Fund, to help and support the neediest in our community.

**DAUGHTER AND PARENT FORUM WITH MAGGIE HAMILTON**

On Wednesday 7th September a number of our students and their mothers and fathers attended a forum with our guest speaker Maggie Hamilton – researcher, author and expert on ‘What is happening to our Girls’.

Maggie discussed the challenges that girls in 2016 face and how we as parents and staff can challenge some of these stereotypes and ideas, and assist to change the way that many of these young women see themselves.

It was so pleasing to hear so many of our students indicate how important it is not to conform, buck the trend and change the way they are seen.

We will continue to find ways to work with our parent community and keep them informed on the challenges our students face in a world that is changing so quickly.

In future editions of the Marian we will give our parent community an indication of what our Student Wellbeing Evenings will be in 2017.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY – THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

On Thursday 8th September – Mr. Pisani and myself spent a most enjoyable day with a number of girls from the Year 11 cohort who have began the leadership journey for 2017.

These girls have taken the first step by completing their Leadership Booklet and by doing so gained an invitation to the Leadership Day.

Over the course of the day we did many different activities about building team, communication and problem solving, and identifying their strengths and qualities as a leader. We also looked at their vision for leadership in 2017.

Each of the students was then invited to complete an application for the role of Lamp Bearer in 2017.

At the beginning of term 4, we will conduct interviews and organise the voting process for these leadership positions for 2017. We look forward to keeping you informed of our process in future editions of the Marian.

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS**

A reminder to all parents who may drop off or pick up of their daughter’s in the morning or at the end of the school day that parking in the bus bays may result in the issuing of fines by the council. Some parents have already have been issue fines as Council Officers regularly patrol this area. The bus bays are designated for buses only and not cars.

We advise parents of this matter in an effort to maintain safety procedures and to ensure that they don’t receive fines as a consequence of using the bus bays for drop off/pick up.

*Kerrie Williams - Assistant to the Co-Principals – Student Wellbeing*
Performing Arts

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, singing, bass guitar, here at Marian College.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $17.60 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2016.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au

www.creativemusic.com.au

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Marian News

A Community growing in Faith & Love • Serving Others • Striving to Achieve • Thinking for the Future

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
- Latte's
- Hot chocolate
- Double blacks
- Mochas
- Long black's
- Short black's
- Cappuccino's
- Macchiato's
- Piccolo latte
- Flat white
- Also will be tea & herbal tea

Look forward to seeing you there
Science

THE BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION 2016

The Big Science Competition was held in May this year. It is designed to test student's scientific inquiry and problem solving skills. It is aligned with the Australian Curriculum – Science and open to students of all abilities in years 7 to 12. Schools from all countries are invited to participate. This year Marian had a 110 students participate in the competition with some wonderful results.

We congratulate the following students on their results:

DISTINCTION:

Lily Ramage (Year 10)

CREDIT:

Jessica Truong (Y12)
Darshi Ranasinghe (Y12)
Stephanie Quach (Y12)
Katina Nguyen (Y11)
Uadri Kariyawasam (Y12)
Dejana Mlijkovic (Y10)
Surinder Kaur (Y10)
Danielle Dimakis (Y9)

Suzanne Matejin - Learning Leader

Community News

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

Marian College will no longer be SELLING second hand uniform on consignment.

We do however encourage you to DONATE your unwanted uniform items so that we can support our families in need.

All donated items can be left at the front Office.

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