Dear Parents/Carers and Families

A very warm welcome back to Term 2, 2014. I trust the school holidays provided an opportunity for families to break from usual routine and enjoy family time. I hope also that the joy of Easter provided time for each of you to renew and refresh spirits in the celebration of the abundance of life and living.

Toward the end of the school break I, as one of many, attended the ANZAC Day dawn service at Brighton jetty. College Captain Olivia Moroney and Vice Captain Sophie Agostino, ably represented Marymount College acknowledging the event and in laying of a wreath at the Arch of Remembrance.

Over the school break, the College carried out substantial works replacing the roof on the Resource Centre and significantly upgrading Information and Communication Technology infrastructure. These ongoing improvements ensure your daughter is in an environment that is conducive to excellence in teaching and learning.

At Marymount College, continuous improvement is central to what we believe and what we do. This year, we have focused the lens of learning on numeracy. We are using two well respected assessment tools (reading and maths) published through the Australian Council of Educational Research. Staff have been introduced to SMART, which assists schools in the interpretation of NAPLAN to support learning. Our focus is on the meaningful interpretation of data to improve student learning and I wish to thank Ray Moritz and Sean Mangan from CESA for leading this area of learning.

At the Professional Development Day last Monday, we officially launched a Learning Partnership with Flinders University. Julie Clark (Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning at Flinders University), and Doctor Virginia Kinnear (Researcher and interest in Mathematical Reasoning) led staff in a rigorous and exceptional day unpacking mathematical beliefs and numeracy practices. I am looking forward to our ongoing collaborative relationship with the University in this key area of learning for our girls.

IMPORTANT DATES
Updated changes to Calendar:
Yr9 Transition Day, Friday 19 September
Yr9 Social, Friday 17 October

Wednesday 7 May
Global Leaders Convention
Parent Rep Meeting 7.00pm

Friday 9 - Sunday 11 May
Generations in Jazz. Mount Gambier

Sunday 11 May
Mother’s Day be good to your mum!

Monday 12 May
Yr8 Techno Bully Performance

Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 May
NAPLAN

Tuesday 13 May
School Board Meeting 7.00pm

TERM DATES
Term 2 Tue 29-Apr - Fri 4-Jul
Term 3 Tue 22-Jul - Fri 26-Sep
Term 4 Tue 14-Oct - Fri 5-Dec

IN SYMPATHY
We ask your prayers for Laura Bates, Nikki Jarvis, Maggie McKay who have had family pass away recently.

God of love, the Bates, Jarvis and McKay families who have known the time for planting, for laughing and for dancing. The joys of happier days can never be taken from them. Let those joys soften the pain of their suffering now. We ask this through Jesus and his mother, Mary. Amen.

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M A R Y M U N T  C O L L E G E
a place of belonging
Last Friday, I was delighted to attend the opening of The Hundred Languages of Children exhibition for Educators and Families. Our Liturgical Choir under the guidance of Julie Thomas performed for this event and were powerful ambassadors as a voice for all children (birth to 18 years). The exhibition is on display to 22 May in the SA Water Building, Victoria Square with an exquisite display of the wisdom, creativity and perceptions children hold and capture.

Over the weekend Kristen Anderson, supported by staff and parents supervised students participating in the first of four Pedal Prix events. This first event held in Loxton was successful for the participants and thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. We wish the team well as they prepare for their next event mid June.

Generations in Jazz Festival in Mount Gambier takes places over the May 9-11 weekend. The Stage Band and Dolci Choir are in final preparations and have worked diligently under the guidance of Hamish McDonald and Kerryn Hennessy with support of teachers and parents. I know you will join me in wishing them well for this event.

A reminder that school supervision commences in the school grounds at 8:15am and students should not be arriving earlier (the Resource Centre does open at 8:00am for any early arrivals). I thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this important matter as the supervision of your daughter while they are at school is paramount.

I invite you to read the attached community letter from Dr Paul Sharkey regarding my Long Service Leave and replacement during the period commencing Monday, 30 June and concluding 27 July.

In celebration of all women as mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and those special women who through their presence offer the gift of ‘mother’ in our lives, I wish you a special day on Sunday. May the women in your daughter’s lives continue to guide and inspire.

All the very best for the term ahead.

God Bless

Sara Scungio
Principal
Welcome back to students and families for Term 2. I trust all girls had a good break.

As mentioned in this newsletter (the article written by Anna Baronian), we were fortunate for three of our staff to travel to China, over the holidays on a school leaders trip. One of the activities we attended was to be involved in a Principal congress on Developing Good Habits and Behavior in Children. As part of this a number of our group presented stories from their schools in SA. I shared the many things we do at Marymount in this area. Our foundations as a Catholic school are core to what we do and in listening to the many school stories from China, the teachings of Confucius were core to what they saw as essential in ‘developing good habits in young people’. Confucius was a moral teacher who was born in 551BC and is regarded as China’s greatest teacher. Today his teachings have impacted on the Chinese education system.

As mentioned previously in our newsletters, we will have 10 Japanese students from Musashino School in Japan, coming to our school from August 1 - August 22. We will require host families for these students. If you would like to be a part of this, can you please ensure there are CURRENT POLICE checks for everyone in your family who is over 15 YEARS of age. Families will not be able to host a student if we do not have these checks. As a reminder - police checks can take up to six weeks to process.

Shortly, we will provide an information session at Marymount that will give further details. In the meantime though, if you require information or have any questions, please contact Christine Ithier (Coordinator), at the Australian Institute of International Understanding. She can be contacted on 0418 742 641 or chris@aiiu.com.au. Christine is happy to answer any questions. If you are interested in hosting a Japanese student, can you please email me to express your interest.

Please click on the following links to read the three articles from Michael Grose’s Parenting Ideas. These are: Mother’s Day Tribute; Get ready for NAPLAN; and Healthy ways for kids to manage their emotions. As we come closer to Mother’s Day, the article on ‘Mother’s Day tribute’ is particularly inspiring.

As we come closer to Mother’s Day, hope all Mums have a good day next Sunday!

Kind regards
Leone Coorey
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We have recently appointed monitors for the Chill or Chat Room, and they are: Latarvia, Chloe, Rachel, Harper, Amaya, Danielle, Emma and Annie, and together with Mrs Pritchard, Ms H and Mrs Briggs, we have decided to revisit the original purpose of this space.

When this space was established by the YEP group in 2012, the girls wanted a place that was quiet, a place where they could come to ‘chill out’ without speaking, eating or socialising. Unfortunately, over time, the original purpose of the room has been forgotten, so we now want to ‘reclaim’ the Chill or Chat Room.

In order for this to happen, we are asking that if you choose to be in this space at lunchtime, it is for the right reasons – ie to spend a little time just ‘be-ing’, and that would mean using your time and the room for chilling out.

The monitors are not there to tell students what to do, but to be examples of how to use the space wisely. There will always be a Counsellor in the offices adjacent to the Chill Out area, so if you decide you would like to ‘Chat’ to one of us, feel free. If you are accompanying a friend to see a Counsellor, we ask that you wait for her outside the building, unless you want to spend some quiet time yourself in the Chill Out area.

We trust that you will enjoy the silence and the opportunity to ‘retreat’ from outside noise and busyness if you feel the need and we thank you all for your cooperation.

Mrs Briggs, Chaplain
Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Heuzenroeder, Counsellors

A Poem
by Latarvia, Year Seven

Poppa Ian
Poppa Ian’s big bright smile
That’s something we would remember for a while
He was always willing to lend a hand
This is what made him a busy man
No matter how much our games changed
We would always act the same age
Even though you were always on the move
Everyone always made time for you
When you drove me and nana
However far it didn’t matter
When you and nana drove to the Coorong
You both always hoped nothing would be wrong
Now that you have gone
With you watching over us nothing can go wrong.
We love you Poppa Ian and we will miss you always.
WELLBEING DAY

As part of the beauty routines we all got the opportunity to give someone a facial. The mixture was made of yogurt, honey and oat meal. This felt very cold and sticky on your face but smelt nice. After leaving the mixture on for about 5-10 minutes our partner had to wipe it off with a tissue. This left our faces feeling soft and refreshed.

In optimistic thinking we got shown a new blog for all Year Sevens to access about wellbeing. This can give us some advice or just some positive quotes to take away. We can use this blog to put on some of our own thoughts or to read what others have to say. After being shown how to use the website we had to create a poster about positive thinking to display in our classrooms. We researched some quotes off the internet for ideas then made up some of our own. This was fun and I found this website a good idea to communicate with others about wellbeing.

Heidi, 7 Eucalypt

One of the activities that we got to be involved in on Wellbeing Day was tai chi. At first we learnt some things about tai chi and what it is all about as a martial art. As we got started we got given some traditional clothing that looked like long silk pants and a silk button up top. The man who was leading the session was very kind and talked some more about tai chi, and he then showed us what we would be learning in the session by showing us the sequence. It was amazing to watch, he was very focused and fluent in the moves that he made. We learnt the moves slowly and gradually still not fully getting it but most of us knew what the actual moves were, but most of us were just following the leader and doing what he was doing. The experience of tai chi was very relaxing and calm and everybody was very focused in what we were doing. While we learnt the sequence he talked some more about what the moves were for and how they were used if you were actually attacking someone or defending yourself. When the session was over we all felt relaxed and calm.

Natarsha, 7 Callistemon
One of the most popular things we had on Wellbeing Day was a Caritas Cafe. The Caritas Cafe was run by all the Year Sevens. Each Year Seven was asked to make some yummy cakes or slices to sell to the students and community at Marymount. Their parents and friends were also invited to come along and have a tea or coffee with some of the goods that were being served. There were two marques outside the Polding centre which was a great place to be entertained with lots of laughs with your friends and families. There were a lot of sweets to choose from and we raised $956.75 for Project Compassion. This was a great way to have a good time with your friends and also meet some of their parents and friends. I loved the Caritas Cafe and I thought it was definitely the highlight of my day.

*Abby W, 7 Acacia*

On Wellbeing Day we had a fabulous activity run by an organisation called The Boxing Room. We were given a sheet of all types of boxing punches and fitness activities. These activities included many different types of fitness such as different types of punches, squats, push ups, running, hurdle jumping, lunges, skipping and so much more. For each different type of activity we did, we got a certain amount of points, and our goal was to try and reach a massive 6000 points. We got to use real boxing equipment and boxing gloves and boxing pads, which we were taught how to use which was a great experience. The activities certainly kept our heart rate, and us puffing, plus it was heaps of fun. They also helped with our fitness, and being fit and healthy is a massive part of our wellbeing. This was a great, fun, fast moving activity to help our wellbeing.

*Jade, 7 Sheoak*
A MESSAGE FROM YOUR APRIM

Holy Week
During Holy Week our focus was Jesus’ washing of the feet. On this day, Jesus teaches us not so much with words, but with signs. He shares bread and wine with his disciples - his very Body and Blood. And then he kneels before them and washes their feet. And he tells them, “I have given you an example to follow.” The message is clear: Eucharist and Service are one and the same. Those who share at Christ’s table must also kneel at one another’s feet (compassion - listen with the ear of your heart). Eucharist and Service as we have been actively supporting MLG during project compassion (compassion - listen with the ear of your heart). Eucharist and Service as we donate pre loved items for Vinnies Week (compassion - listen with the ear of your heart). Eucharist and Service in Year Seven as they gather in community with a Caritas Café (compassion - listen with the ear of your heart). Eucharist and Service as we live our lives (compassion - listen with the ear of your heart) let us all go forth to love and serve the Lord. Our Principal, Sara Scungio, shows us Eucharist and Service as she so respectively washed the feet of some Year Six students.

Easter
As a staff we celebrated Jesus’ resurrection with a ‘heart to heart’ Lectio Divina, a Benedictine prayer which is a slow contemplative praying of the scriptures. Risen Christ, walk with me this glorious day and always. Fill my heart with joy that you are alive and with me. May Alleluia be my song. Easter time continues 50 days after Easter Sunday - up to and including Pentecost. An unbroken celebration of the victory of the risen Lord. It is one great feast day. Joyful Alleluias are sung and the Easter candle, symbol of the lights of the risen Christ, shines in a special place in the parish church.

Anzac Day Dawn Service
I would like to thank our College Captains, Olivia Moroney and Sophie Agostino, for representing Marymount College at the Brighton ANZAC Day dawn service with the laying of a wreath. Also, Leanne Carr and Sara Scungio who supported them.

Sacraments
May God’s spirit come into the lives of Zahra McDonald and her family and group leaders, who are preparing for Confirmation and Communion, to guide them during their spiritual journey and allow them a continued rich and meaningful relationship with God.

Project Compassion and Vinnie’s Week
Thank you very much to families, MLG, Year Seven Caritas Café team and students, for supporting us with Project Compassion, the money raised was $1,694.55. Thank you also for your support for families in regional SA desperately needing your pre-loved clothing during Vinnies Week, we easily filled the five boxes provided. We look forward to your support again in Term Three.

Brighton Parish
Easter spin-off/who is Jesus?
Fr. Peter is going to join with parishioners in dialoguing the Gospel of John. Why did John write the Gospel of Jesus? Who is Jesus and what does Jesus mean to us today? There are six sessions commencing Wednesday, 7 May at 11:00am in the Activity Centre. Each session has a short video showing John’s Gospel in pictures followed by a discussion. If interested you are most welcome to attend.

Vinnie’s sewing group
In support of the great work of our Brighton Parish Vinnie sewing group, if anyone is able to make donations of wool and/or fleecy materials and send it to Christina Jonas (room A41) or drop off directly to the Brighton Parish, it would be greatly appreciated. With winter coming on, this group help many in our community who may need warm blankets and/or clothing.
Ministry Formation Program
Anyone interested in developing skills for service in your parish, school or community and learning about your Catholic faith, courses are available. If interested please contact me and I will provide more information or Sue Vieceli, Ministry Formation Program 8416 8479.

A Prayer for Mother’s/Carers
Loving God,
You provide and care for all your children. Grant that we may always love those who show us the love of a mother or father. May God who is the source of life, give them joy, blessing and the gift of peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Have a great fortnight!
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CHINA
Leone Coorey, Alice Dunlop and myself travelled to China during the April school holiday break as part of a school leaders delegation. This was generously funded by the Confucius Institute in an endeavour to build relationships and learn more about the Asia Pacific region, its culture, language and traditions. The hospitality and benevolence bestowed upon us by our interpreters and the school communities and families which we visited was overwhelming.

We also spent time at our sister school Jia Xuan Junior School in the Shandong province in discussion with the principal about reforms to the education system in China and strengthening our partnership. Catholic Education has 25 partner schools in China, some of which host teachers and students from Adelaide living and working together. In this age of information and multiculturalism, the objective of the Chinese Ministry of Education is to cultivate good habits and create upstanding citizens of the world who are guided by the analects or sayings of Confucius.

Travelling on a bullet train from Shanghai to Qufu at a speed of 300km per hour, it was evident what a country of contrasts China is, rich in history and tradition and its rate of change is astounding. Over the past five years, a new skyscraper has been built every five days, the longest bridge in the world has been built, along with 30 new airports and 42,000 kilometres of motorways.

Through the cross-curriculum priority of Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia, our students will become better equipped to live, learn and work within the Asia Pacific region. Rich experiences embedded in learning, will enable our students to understand its culture, language and traditions and its vision for the future. They will gain knowledge and an intercultural awareness of contemporary China. Through our partnerships with Asia we can foster respectful relationships and mutual respect that will provide opportunities to engage with Asia that can impact now and into the future.

Anna Baronian
Year Seven Leader of Student Learning and Wellbeing
PEDAL PRIX

What a fantastic way to launch pedal prix 2014! 23 Marymount families journeyed to Loxton for the first 6 hour event of the season - this was a new location and was a great street circuit. The girls were challenged by the hill but all put a huge effort in and I commend them on their commitment to the riding. Between the two teams they rode over 200kms! Massive thanks to all the families for getting involved and helping in the many aspects required to the smooth running of the day and preparation for the event.

Thanks also to our sponsors for coming on board in time for our first race:

- Urban Design and Drafting
- Allied Pickfords Business Relocations
- Integra Packaging
- Down Under Landscapes

We have three more races this season, stay tuned for results, faster laps and more distance!

Kristin Anderson
Pedal Prix Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

The services and events contained in this bulletin are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Families need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.

Seacliff Hockey Club

There are currently vacancies for the under 13 and under 15 girls teams. Games are played during Term 2 and 3. Training for under 15s is Tuesday evenings and play Friday nights; training for under 13s is Thursdays and play Sunday mornings. Beginners are welcome. For further information contact juniors@shc.org.au.

Women’s Soccer Coaches

Flinders Flames Women’s Soccer Club (FFWSC) FFWSC are currently seeking coaches for the 2014 season. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday at Flinders Uni, with games played on Sundays across Adelaide. Our players range from 16-40+ and we have various abilities. If you are interested in being part of this friendly, inclusive and fun club, then please don’t hesitate to contact Alex Meldrum 0401 277 967. No coaching experience is necessary and FFWSC will pay for FFSA coaching courses and any other related courses you wish to undertake.