

Marian College Newsletter

'Smaller Community - Big Opportunity'

Wednesday 6th March 2024

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Acknowledgment

Marian College acknowledges the Minjambuta People as the traditional custodians of this land.

Marian College is founded on the charism of the Presentation Sisters 'In Deeds Not Words'.

Marian College is an inclusive and Child Safe school.

Marian College is committed to Democratic Principles

Principal's Report - Cath Watter



This week Marian
College held our first
full school assembly
which included the
formal investiture of
our 2024 Student
Leadership Team. I
would like to thank
Helen Haines
for making the
time in her busy
schedule, and while

in isolation due to COVID, for sharing her recorded message with the Marian College Community. She provided great insight and inspiration for our emerging school leaders.

Helen spoke of her journey as a leader, the challenges, rewards and opportunities she has encountered along the way. Helen encouraged our leaders to speak for the people they represent, to be active listeners and embrace every opportunity presented.

The assembly included a blessing of student leadership badges by the College Leadership Team representing God's blessing bestowed on their leadership as we continue to lead in the ground-breaking footsteps of Jesus this Lent.

Our College takes great pride in the leadership capacity of our young people. We also take pride in the leadership opportunities that we offer students at every year level, to develop and build their leadership capacity. It is no doubt the reason why so many Marian College student leaders go on to lead in our community.

Later this week, student leaders will attend a Catholic Education Sandhurst 'Ethical Leadership' day where they will have the opportunity to delve more deeply into servant leadership and leading for a fairer and more just world.

I thank Maria Fin for her efforts in once again engaging a most inspiring speaker, for working tirelessly with our student leaders and building the capacity of student leadership across the College. We commit ourselves to working alongside and supporting our student leaders of 2024 on their leadership journey.

Cath Watter

Cath Watter Principal

Prayer - Just Listen

How often do we pray to God using

Elaborate words Intricate artworks Imposing monuments?

How often do we try to micro-manage God?

We tell God We ask God We even bargain with God

But do we have the courage to just listen?

Do we have the trust to get off the airwaves?

Do we have the faith to enter into the silence knowing that God loves us, and gives us everything we need?

Because it is only when we stop to listen that we will hear God's gentle breezes that rustle and stir, disturb and play in every part of our lives.

It is in the quiet that when we pray 'Thy will be done' we will hear God's plans for us.

It is only in the silence that the paradigm shifts. We stop making space in our lives to pray, and our whole life becomes prayer.



Absentees

Students are expected to attend and be punctual to all classes and events. School starts at 8.45am each day with Learning Mentor (LM).

 If a student is absent, it is important that parents/guardians inform the school by 9am on the day, providing a reason.

PAM: pam.mcm.vic.edu.au

Email: info@mcm.vic.edu.au

Phone: (03) 5752 1596

- All absentees are recorded at morning LM. If the College has not been notified of a student's absence, both parents or guardians or custodial parents will be notified by text message to let them know that their child is not at school.
 The reason for the absence will be requested as it is a legal requirement that the College notes this on the absence register.
- If a reply is not received from the students' parents, the office will ring parents contact number. If a reply is still not recived emergency contacts will be notified
- Attendance is taken at the start of each period.
- Parents are not required to notify the office if students are attending excursions and sports carnivals as excursions and sports carnivals are part of the school's planned learning activities.

If a student is late

- Students arriving late are required to sign-in at Student Reception.
- A note or telephone message from parents/guardians is required to support the reason for the lateness if signing in more than 15 minutes late

Covid-19

There has been an increase in the number of COVID19 cases across North East Victoria in recent weeks.

So just a few reminders about some actions that we can all take to keep our community safe.

- Air purifiers can be used and windows and doors opened to provide ventilation.
- Students can also be given the opportunity to work outside when appropriate.
- Good hand, cough and sneeze hygiene continues to be important, as does physical distancing where possible.
- Students who are confirmed cases should isolate at home for at least 5 days and only return to school when they are well.

We have a number of staff and students with vulnerable health. Staying at home if you are unwell will help protect all members of the College community.

- Anyone who is a close contact of a confirmed case is encouraged to wear a mask. Masks are available from reception for those who would like them.
- RATs are also available at reception for testing if you develop symptoms and for daily testing of close contacts.
- We continue to ask parents and carers to report positive cases to the School.

As always, if you are unwell, please do not come to school until your symptoms resolve.



Calendar 2024

Wednesday 6th March	Welcome Whole School Assembly	
Friday 8th March	G.R.O.W Up! Production After School Rehearsal 3.30-5.30pm	
Monday 11th March	Public Holiday (Labour Day)	
Wednesday 13th March	Advisory Council Meeting 6pm	
Wednesday 13th March	Prayer Partners Morning Tea (EMPAC)	
Friday 15th March	Hume Swimming	
Wednesday 13th - Monday 18th March	NAPLAN	
Monday 18th March	Top Arts Excursion Year 8 & Select Senior School Students	
Tuesday 19th March	School Photo Day	
Thursday 21st March	O&M Inter/Senior Sports	
Tuesday 26th March	O&M Junior Sports	
Thursday 28th March	Italy Immersion Trip Departs	
Thursday 28th March	Caritas Ks & Last Day of Term Finish at 2.20pm	

Term Dates 2024

Please find below the school term dates for 2024

Term 1

Finish: Thursday 28th March

Term 2

Start: Monday 15th April **Finish:** Friday 28th June

Term 3

Start: Monday 15th July **Finish:** Friday 20th September

Term 4

Start: Monday 7th October
Students Finish: Tuesday 10th December
Staff Finish: Friday 20th December

Absentees - Please Let The Office Know

All Student absentees must be reported to the office via one of the below three methods

Phone – 5752 1596 Email – info@mcm.vic.edu.au PAM – pam.mcm.vic.edu.au

It can be helpful for parents to follow up with teachers, but the first point of contact should always be the office. It is not the responsibility of the teacher to pass on messages to the Administration team.

Thank you.



2024 School Photos

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information

School Photograp

Maria
Tuesday 19

There is no need to a to school

Flyers with Unique in all students of the school when you receive Follow the

School Photographs will be taken at

Marian College

Tuesday 19th March 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2024 image code
Follow these 3 simple steps -



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



That's it!

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads
 Order on any mobile device
 Share the images with family & friends for FREE

** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024**



Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.

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customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Newsletter Emailing List

Are you a member of Marian College's wider community and would like an electronic version of the newsletter emailed to you so you can stay up to date with the latest news?

Email mia-larni.saric@mcm.vic.edu.au and we will gladly add you to our emailing list so you can receive our latest newsletters directly into your inbox:)



Principal Appraisal Process

As part of their leadership development and formation, principals of Catholic schools in Sandhurst Diocese undertake regular appraisal. This year my formative appraisal will be conducted in April.

An Independent Appraisal Chair and panel members will facilitate the process which will include confidential surveys, interviews with members of the College community and review of College documentation.

The feedback that I will gain will help to inform my leadership of Marian College and continue to serve the school community to the very best of my ability. It will also help provide direction for further professional learning and development.

I look forward to engaging with the appraisal process, and thank all members of the College community in advance for their support, honesty and insight.



Cath Watter

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 camp at Alexandra Adventure Park was a great success. Lots of challenges and learnings over the three days!

It was interesting to see how we adapted when we learnt that 100 students from a Melbourne secondary college were sharing the camp with us. The activities included the normal high rope challenges and flying fox, but the great thing was the use of the hexagonal swimming pool. It was hot, so that was a real treat!

We enjoyed the bus trip to and from Alexandra even though we missed a turn at Alexandra, adding 10 minutes to the trip.

Overall, a great time on camp with lots of self discovery and reflection opportunities.









Tony Cuskelly

























Middle School Agricultural Science

The Middle School Agricultural Science class visited the Myrtleford Community Garden to learn about what they do. When they heard about some jobs that needed to be done they quickly decided to help and within an hour of starting had cleaned the most overgrown section of the front fence. This will now allow the council to mow the lawn without the risk of damaging the berries along the fence. Well done.

Thank you Sue and the other volunteers who took time out to talk to our class.





Anna Fin-Genero













Prioritise Learning Time -Appointments are not an excuse

- non-urgent appointments made before/after school or during holidays
 - disrupted learning time disrupts learning



Vicky McGowan



Benjamin Russel



Libby Boland

Year 10 Religious Education

In Year 10 Religious Education students were asked to write a prayer inspired by Leaia's Story. With the support of Caritas Australia's 'Project Compassion', Leaia and her family were given access to a reliable source of clean water.

To the people of the world.

Look around at the water beside you,

The seemingly endless stream.

Look at the water that keeps you healthy,

The thing that you depend on for safety, hygiene and life.

Can you see those without?

The ones like Leaia who collect rain in freezers.

Can you see the children?

The ones in her community who can't go to school because there is no clean water.

Can you see the difference?

The new water tank has made in their communities.

Open up your hearts.

May your hearts be with those in Leaia's community.

Pray that you think of those outside of yourself and help them for the future of our planet.

Libby Boland

Dear People of Earth,

Please help those who cannot help themselves.

Help them so they can live the long, good lives that they deserve.

Please provide safety with food and water to those unfortunate enough to go without it.

Please help the children who cannot go to school because they don't have water.

A child's education is very important, and it pains me to see some go without it.

Please feed the hungry and provide for the thirsty.

Help Caritas Samoa to provide Leaia's community with the things that they need to survive.

They struggle every day without the things that we take for granted.

They need your help.

Benjamin Russell





Year 12 Morning Tea

It has been a busy start to 2024 for Year 12 and sometimes we need reminders to slow down, enjoy each other's company and to enjoy a treat. It was lovely to spend time together, to listen to the chatter and to treat our school leaders with some food and hot drinks.

Hopefully they feel rejuvenated to tackle the rest of Term 1!









Megan Fullwood

VCE Information Evening

On Wednesday 21st February we held our VCE Information Evening.

The evening covered VCE requirements and expectations including VCE VM, Special Examination Arrangements (SEA), Scholarships - Applications, Special Entrance Access Scheme (SEAS), driving to school, who to go to for assistance and information, communication and partnership with MP12.

It was also a great opportunity for families of VCE students, and Year 11s accelerating into VCE subjects, to ask questions.

If you were not able to attend you can find our Senior School Handbook on our website www.mcm.vic.edu.au under the Learning and Teaching tab > Senior School > Senior School Handbook



Brad Carroll



Maria Fin



Jack Byrne

Isabelle Cooke

Rural Youth Ambassador 2024 - Jack Byrne

Congratulations to Jack Byrne our Rural Youth Ambassador!

We are thrilled to announce that Jack has been selected as Marian College's newest Ambassador! This prestigious role is a testament to Jack's outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to serving our community.

As an Ambassador, Jack will represent not only the Marian College Community but also young people within rural and remote communities. He will do this with integrity, embodying the values of excellence and compassion that define us as a Presentation school. We have every confidence that Jack will excel in this role and make us proud.

Please join us in congratulating Jack on this well-deserved achievement. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact he will undoubtedly make as our Ambassador. Congratulations, Jack – we are honoured to have you represent us!



Jack was congratulated by Maurice Billi, Country Education Partnership Youth Programs Manager and one of Marian College's 2023 Rural Youth Ambassadors Isabelle Cooke

Civic Engagement National Youth Advisory Group - Isabelle Cooke

After my experience in 2023 of being a part of the rural youth ambassador program, I have been given the opportunity to be a member of the Civic Engagement National Youth Advisory Group. The Civic Engagement Advisory Group will be working alongside the department of Home Affairs.

This means I will be working on practical civic engagement initiatives to educate young people in the areas of civic responsibility, community service, collective action and driving social change. On Tuesday the 19th of March I will be flying to Canberra for the week to begin work on these initiatives, an opportunity I am beyond excited for.



Maria Fin's 70th Celebrations





The Year 12 General Math's students celebrating Mrs Fin's 70th Birthday in class.

G.R.O.W Up! Production

Members of the Theatre Elective class worked on laminating book inserts, painting backdrops and sorting out costumes for the G.R.O.W Up! School Production which students will be performing in Term 2.











Vicky McGowan





Jaz Rossato



Maria Fin

Keen on the Green

For 'Keen on the Green' last week the SLT put on their aprons and baked some goods in the kitchen to be sold at recess. We had cupcakes, brownies, honey joys, slices, rocky road, fairy bread and drinks on offer, with a great turn out of students coming to help support our fundraising efforts for Caritas' Project Compassion. We are so excited to announce that we raised \$279.50, which is the most we have ever made at a 'Keen on the Green' Friday.

The SLT would like to thank everyone who supported us last Friday and over the past months at Keen on the Green. We are very excited for what is to come!

Jaz Rossato, College Captain

I congratulate the SLT for their initiative! An entertaining and lucrative way to raise funds for our Social Justice Term 1 Project.

Mrs Fin















O&M Swimming Carnival

Our first hit out in our new region was a great success with 12 of our 16 students advancing to the Hume Carnival on the 15th of March.

We will have 4 relay teams competing at Hume level: the 13 girls Free Relay, the 16 girls Free Relay, the 12-14 Girls Medley Relay and the 15-16 Girls Medley relay. All 4 relay events were super competitive. The 16 medley had 2 year 7's fill places and it came down to an outstanding last leg by Skylah McPherson to get them over the line.

Individual performances were outstanding as well, Lily Cuskelly leading the way as we have come to expect. Winning all five of her events and claiming 18-20 age group champion.

Skylah McPherson(1st x 2, 2nd x2) and Milla Corcoran(1st x 2, 2nd x 3) also took out age group champions with Nina Fortaliza(1st x 3, 3rd x2) just missing out.

Our boys had it a bit tougher but really put in some amazing efforts. With a second place in their events, Nathan Sacco and Ben Russell will advance. We wish all those advancing the best of luck, and hopefully we may see some of you off to the state event.















Michelle Barker





Michael Guinane

Careers Update



Victoria Police

Victoria Police run numerous career information sessions throughout the year. Bookmark this page and check each week for sessions you'd like to attend. The following are examples of events running soon:

March 25th Victoria Police careers information session (online)

27th Life at the Police Academy (online)

April 18th Victoria Police careers information session (online)

Register via this link:

https://www.police.vic.gov.au/police-information-sessions



Work Experience – Medical Research (15+)

Applications are now open for the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) work experience program. Successful students will spend a week at the Institute exploring biomedical science and medical research. Students will need to organise their own transport and accommodation and a bursary may be available from the Institute to assist with costs. Program intake weeks will run between: 17th – 21st June 2024, 16th – 20th September 2024. Applications close 15th March 2024.

Read more about the work experience program via this link, and talk to Mr Guinane about applying. https://www.wehi.edu.au/education/work-experience/

What is it like to be a nurse?



Nurses provide medical and nursing care to patients. Nursing care can be provided in hospital,

at home or in outpatient facilities. Nurses work as part of a care team that includes doctors, therapists and social workers.

To become a Nurse, there are two different pathways to choose from:

- 1.) Endorsed Enrolled Nurse, after completing a **Diploma of Nursing**, and
- 2.) Registered Nurse, after completing a **Bachelor of Nursing**.



\$85K
Typical salary in Australia

Job growth
▲ 13.9%
5-year projection

All nurses must apply to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). Registration must be renewed annually.

For more information see this link: How to become a Nurse - Salary, Qualifications, Skills & Reviews – SEEK

Michael Guinane Pathways Leader

Community Announcements



23RD MARCH PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9.00AM - MYRTLEFORD 11.00AM - BRIGHT 24TH MARCH

28TH MARCH HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

29TH MARCH GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
10.00AM MYRTLEFORD ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Starting at St Mary's Church, via other Churches in Myrtleford, finishing at the Myrtleford Piazza with an Ecumenical Service.

10.00AM - WHOROULY (LAY LED SERVICE) 3.00PM - BRIGHT

30TH MARCH SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

7.00PM - MYRTLEFORD

31ST MARCH EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9.00AM - MYRTLEFORD 11.00AM - BRIGHT



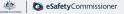
Term 1 topics:

- eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes). For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.
- Understanding how to support your child with online gaming (45 minutes). For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- Understanding parental controls to safeguard your child (30 minutes). For parents and carers of children and young people in primary school.
- Online safety and social media: TikTok, YouTube and Instagram (30 minutes). For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.

For more information and to register now: eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars







eSafetv.gov.au

(2024)

LET US HELP YOU BECOME AN EXCELLENT DRIVER

- Manual & Automatic Vehicles
- 0-120hrs Learners Driving Design
- Under Instruction Training (Overseas licence holders)
 - Older drivers skills review and rules update
 - Servicing Myrtleford & Surrounding District



Hugh Clasby clasbyhugh@gmail.com











FREE QUALIFICATIONS AND SHORT COURSES

The Future Proof program offers FREE CERTIFIED
QUALIFICATION opportunities to 16-25 year old's, equipping
you with the skills needed to build a successful career and
contribute meaningfully to your community

- FEES COVERED
- COURSE COMPLETION SUPPORT
- ASSISSTANCE WITH TRANSPORT
- HELF FINDING THE RIGHT COURSE
- SPECIALISED INTEREST SUPPORT

FREE Certificates

- Cert II in Fire Fighting
- Cert II and III in Animal Care
- Cert III in Horticulture
- CERT III and IV in Agriculture
- Cert IV and Diploma of Community Services
- Diploma of Counselling

PLUS MORE!

FREE Short Courses

- · Drone Piloting
- First Aid and CPR
- Traffic Control
- White Card
- Basic Wildlife
 Awareness
- Safe Food Handling

PLUS MORE!

Contact us today to enrol
Call Mackenna on 0487 032 913
or scan here









Save the Date!

Sat 23 March 2024



Myrtleford Showgrounds







If you, any young people/families/young at heart would like to come on by, have some fun and a run/jog/walk/skip/shuffle, we'd love to have you join us!

- Community event and open to all
- Al's Skate Co will be joining us with accessibility friendly skating equipment & a grip art workshop.
- We'll have music entertainment, lawn games, health & wellness providers present and something to snack on
- Free event, registration for participants

Please see the event times below:

Event length: 09:00 – 13:00

Bump in: 08:30 Fun run start: 10:00 Bump out: 13:30

We are also looking for volunteers to man the stations or roam around on the day. We would love to involve as much of the Myrtleford community as I can. The colour stations would be 'in operation' from 9:45am till approx 11:30am.

EVENTBRITE LINK TO SIGN UP COMING SOON!







Parenting Programs - Term 1 2024

*There is no cost to attend these programs



People living well

Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full Term	Wednesdays 31st January - 27th March 10.30am - 11.30am	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Wodonga	Parenting after Separation	5 weeks	Tuesdays 20th February - 26th March 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High street Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Wodonga	Tuning into Kids Emotional intelligent parenting	5 weeks	Mondays 19th February - 25th March 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High street Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Ovens & Murray Region	Tuning into Teens Emotionali intelligent parenting (10 - 17 years)	6 weeks	Mondays 12th February - 25th March 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Via Zoom	Scan the QR code to register
Lavington	Dads Tuning into Kids Emotional intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	6 weeks	Tuesdays 20th February - 26th March 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Scan the QR code to register
Lavington	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Mondays 5th February - 8th April 10.30am to 11.30am	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Scan the QR code to register