



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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From the Principal's Office



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

- ❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*
- ❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

Lord God,

Thank you for this opportunity to learn new skills and stretch my understanding.

Thank you for guiding me through this time of study into the final exams.

I lay before you all the hopes and fears I have about the outcome.

May you place a peace within me now as I rest and await the results.

Thank you that I am safely held in your love.

Thank you that whatever happens in the future I will live in your goodness and walk with you always.

- Author Unknown

As we begin the term break at the end of this week, we remember the great moments of celebration, joy and challenge for our students and staff over the last nine weeks. There have been many great moments of joy and pride. Well done to everyone involved. We wish our Year 10 students well as they attend Work Experience this week. It has been a very rewarding term in many ways thanks to the resilience, hard work and ongoing commitment

of students and staff. The number of students and staff with COVID or the flu appears to have decreased over the last week, and life at school is feeling a little more normal. A huge thank you to our staff who stepped-in time and time again to ensure classes, camps and excursions continued for our students. This was not an easy feat at times. I know they will enjoy a well earned break after the challenges of the last few weeks.

Staff Changes Term 3

At the end of this term we say goodbye and thank you to two of our staff members, Mrs Tina Joyce from the canteen, and teacher, Ms Mary Renehan. Tina has been a very active member of our wonderful canteen staff over a number of years. She has been generous with her time and energies to support the students and the College. We wish her well in her new endeavours here in Ararat. Ms Mary Renehan joined the teaching staff mid last year just as we were entering another lockdown period. I thank her for her contribution over the last twelve months and wish her every success for the future. The new timetable is almost complete for Term 3 with some minor changes to accommodate adjustments for Ms Renehan's English and Humanity classes in the junior school. The new teachers allocated to these classes will make contact with parents very early in the new term to support the smooth transition of all students involved.

Congratulations to our Brigidine Sisters

This week it was exciting to see Sister Brigid Arthur and Sister Anglea Ryan recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours for the wonderful work they continue to do for others. Sister Brigid was awarded Office of the Order of Australia (OA) for her service to social welfare, particularly asylum seekers and refugees, and to education. Sister Angela was awarded an Order of Australia medal (AOM) for her work with the Catholic Church of Australia. This is well deserved recognition of extraordinary work by these two generous women over many decades. Both Sisters have served on the Stewardship Council for Marian College for many years, and together with all the Brigidine Sisters past and present, they have been instrumental in guiding our mission and supporting the work we do. Sister Anglea resigns her place on the Stewardship Council this year at the end of her tenure. We thank her for her incredible support, wisdom and compassion. Congratulations too, to past Stewardship Council member, Mr Geoff Pena, who was awarded an OAM in the Queen's birthday honours for the many charitable works he undertakes across the community of Ararat and Lancefield.

Employment Opportunity 2023

In planning for the year ahead, we are seeking applications from our wider school community for potential teaching positions (one day a week) for the following Vocational Educational Training (VET) subjects.

Certificate II VET Building and Construction

Certificate II VET Plumbing

Certificate III Information Technology

Certificate II Engineering

We are seeking suitable individuals with a passion for supporting young people, who have Industry Experience in any of the above mentioned areas. Teacher Registration (VIT) is not essential.

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment is preferred, however successful candidates without this training will have the opportunity to be sponsored to gain certification. If you would like to know more please email: principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au.

Early Finish House Day Friday

Aside from the Year 10 students undertaking work experience, this Friday is House Day for all students. After such a busy term, it is a wonderful way to finish. Students will be dismissed at 2.15 pm. Country buses will arrive at this time.

Have a terrific safe and happy holiday to all.

Carmel



Sr Brigid Arthur (OA)



Sr Angela Ryan (AOM)

IN MY WORDS

with Eden McKiernan

Ahh yes, the night I was born, November 11 2004, a spectacular night where the happiness of my parents, Troy and Rebecca, was significantly increased thanks to my presence in the world. Lucky for me, I was born second child of the family. With my sister Phoebe coming first, I got to avoid all eldest sibling responsibilities which made my childhood quite enjoyable, I think.

I began kindergarten in Geelong. It was located just across the road from my future school, Covenant College, the school I would soon attend after I had fully mastered the art of painting with my hands and building sandcastles. But this would not be the only school I was to become acquainted with. In Grade 2, after my family moved out of our first house in Highton to a place 12 minutes down the road, I transferred to Manifold Heights Primary School where I completed Grades 3 and 4. During this time, my younger sister Stephanie was born, and my poor father, became increasingly outnumbered in the family. Lucky for him, the family was blessed with my darling little brother, Samuel.



After completing Grade 3, my family moved to France for a couple of months because, why not, and upon arriving we were welcomed with sidewalks that were half an inch wide. Single file through Paris, we made it to our country house where we happily enjoyed the outdoor games room, and completely avoided the backyard pool because, who wants to swim in minus degrees. Whilst in France we met a lovely couple, Allen and Jean, who frequently took the family to weekend farmers markets where I put my heart and soul into finding DS games for the DS I had as a kid, completely ignoring anything of actual quality or cultural significance. Phoebe and I did attend a primary school whilst we were in France, which was fabulous because there was only one kid who spoke English, and I completely failed to learn any of the language, but we did get Wednesdays off, and they served lunch at the school, so it was fine. At one point we did attend a family friends luncheon where we were offered the French delicacy, escargot (snails), to which I had to politely decline. The pastries they had in France were absolutely mouthwatering and I would definitely go out of my way to travel back just for their food. It's safe to say the highlight of my trip was definitely experiencing the culture and not learning the language, apparently, because being the studious eight year old I was, I learnt a grand total of not very many French words.

When we got back from France, our family moved from Geelong up to Sunbury, where I began to travel down almost daily to Geelong continuing my attendance at Manifold Primary, completing Grade 4. After Grade 4 the family moved to Riddells Creek where I completed Grade 5 at the local primary school. I honestly don't remember much about this time but I do remember I used to play one of my favourite games as child, British Bulldogs, with my friends during recess and lunch. We weren't actually allowed to tackle though so we hid behind one of the hills at the back of the school and played, pretending that we were only playing tag whenever a yard duty teacher would walk by. It was after my time at Riddells Creek Primary that my family then moved again to Tasmania where we lived for two months in an Eco village, and one of the locals was growing a banana tree in his greenhouse which I thought was pretty cool. After two months in tents, we moved back to the mainland and moved to Kinglake where I was homeschooled through Grades 6, 7 and a little bit of Year 8. We stayed in Kinglake for approximately 6 months and did not much before moving once again to the house we are in now, in Skipton. We have been here for a few years now, and have almost completed building our new house in Beaufort, twenty minutes up the road, which my parents are determined to make the last and final place they move to.

Upon moving to Skipton, I enrolled into Marian College, starting in the last half of Year 8. I believe this is the longest time I have spent at one school as I am now surviving my final year of

College. During my time at Marian, I am grateful to have made friends with so many new people, and have been blessed with the company of my closest friends Lilly, Louise, Georgia and Liam who have kept me sane throughout VCE and graciously put up with all my unique qualities and annoying talents.

I know, the thank yous is often the most boring part, but I really do need to say thank you to some people. So thank you to my parents who have raised me into the person I am today, you have done an excellent job. To my teachers who have put time and effort into providing me with an education and for being patient when it's taken a while for me to understand certain concepts. To my siblings for... actually no never mind... I'm kidding, all three of you have brought me much joy so thank you. To my friends and peers who have contributed to my growth as a person and provided me with many moments of happiness and laughter. And I would also like to thank God, even when I'm struggling with some difficult questions that don't seem to have answers, he is patient with me and he still loves me.

Now for the part where I give life advice and then end with, but I kid though, just in case it ruins someone's life. So here it is, no matter what you do in life remember to treat others the way you would want to be treated. You never know what someone is going through, and even if they do something you don't necessarily agree with, love them anyway, we are all doing life together and should do our best to support each other.



END OF SEMESTER REPORTS ONLINE

The end of Semester Reports will be available online from 12.00 noon on Thursday 23rd June, 2022.

Please access student reports through the PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM) on the school website at <http://mcararat.catholic.edu.au> using your current login and password.

ACCESSING REPORTS THROUGH PARENT PORTAL



Each child's data can be accessed by clicking on their student photo.



Student Timetable

Attendance

Assessment Reports

Lesson Plans

Learning Tasks

Email Staff

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Select Assessment Reports. A list of reports will appear. Click on Semester 1 End of Semester Report. The Report will download as a PDF file.

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello all,

Welcome to the last week of Term 2.

This week we get to celebrate our end of term house day. It's been 2 years since we have been able to do this so I'm really glad the students will get to have this end of term celebration. There are lots of activities amongst the houses that have been planned. I'm sure we will give a report in one of the early Term 3 newsletters. Just a quick reminder that it is a compulsory school day. Activities have been planned according to the numbers of students in each house.

Our year 10 students also have their work experience block this week. All the best to all year 10s and I hope you enjoy the week. Work experience is invaluable and can kick start future planning for these students.

We come to the end of the term and I hope everyone enjoys a well deserved break.

The winter holidays are a time to rest and recharge. We have had a large number of students absent due to illness and covid, so hopefully we all use this time to rest and relax.

See you all in Term 3.

Nick Lloyd



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Cooking for Celebrations

Last week the final few cakes were decorated. Once again the standard was extremely high. I was quite impressed with Jenel's graveyard cake. She spent a lot of time at home making all of the decorations. This allowed her to create a scary graveyard.

Special thanks must go to Emma Preston (HE kitchen hand). She has spent numerous weeks sourcing out decorations for the students. Your efforts have been appreciated by both Celebration classes.

Donna Spalding



Cooking for Celebrations



ATTENTION YEAR 11 PARENTS

Please note that Year 11 Melbourne Camp will be held in week 2 of Term 3

Request for Parental Permission is through the Parent Access Module

Please log into PAM and complete this request as soon as possible



ATTENTION YEAR 10 PARENTS



Please note that Year 10 Camp will be held in week 3 of Term 3

Request for Parental Permission is through the Parent Access Module

Please log into PAM and complete this request as soon as possible



ARARAT POLICE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The YANG Blue Light (Ararat Police) are running a 3 on 3 one day basketball tournament at the Ararat YMCA on Wednesday the 06/07/22.

It is a knockout event with the loser being eliminated immediately and the winner moving through to the next round.

Trophies will be awarded to the eventual winners and runners up.

Games will be 10 minutes each or first to 21pts and there are 2 age groups U14 and U18.

There will also be a 3pt shooting comp, amplified music and door prizes.

There is a cost to enter the tournament and spectator entry is by gold coin donation.

All funds go toward purchasing equipment for the YANG Blue Light.

Entry and consent forms are available from the school office (provided that is supported by the school principles) otherwise contact Sam and Shane ALLGOOD 0456 587 284 or email Boogie81069@gmail.com

Entry forms can be submitted over the counter at the Ararat Police Station or scan and email to Boogie81069@gmail.com

Entry fee to be paid on the day of the event.



GASON: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BOOTCAMP

WEDNESDAY 6th to FRIDAY 8th JULY, 2022

This mini bootcamp is for students (Years 10 to 12) who are interested in a career in manufacturing to 'try a trade' at Gason's.

Students will have the opportunity to do hands on welding under the guidance of a TAFE Trainer from Federation University.

Please contact Catherine Rodriguez, HR Coordinator, for further information or registration:

Telephone: 5352 2151

Email: hr@gason.com.au

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June 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20	21	22	23 SEMESTER REPORTS LIVE VIA PAM - 12.00 PM	24 HOUSE DAY END OF TERM 2 EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15 pm

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	12 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 3	13	14 STATE CROSS COUNTRY	15
18	19 BLACK RANGES SENIOR BASKETBALL	20	21	22
YEAR 11 CAMP				
25 BLACK RANGES INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL	26	27	28	29
YEAR 10 CAMP				