



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

304 Barkly Street, ARARAT VIC 3377

Phone (03) 5352 3861

Email: principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Web: www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au



Issue 24

15th August, 2022

Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker



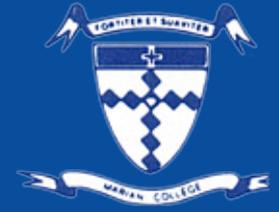
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

18TH, 19TH AND 20TH AUGUST

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA THE ARARAT TOWN HALL WEBSITE
OR TRYBOOKING.COM



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*

'Moving Forward'

***Loving Creator God,
may our work excite our hearts
and kindle in our minds a
creativity to journey beyond the
limits of all that has been.***

***Help us to be open to new
possibilities enabling us to draw
from the imagination a new
vision that will inspire.***

***Let us move forward gently
as your Spirit guides us;
knowing that we are blessed
in all that we do.***

***Live Jesus in our heart ...
forever!***

(Adapted from John O'Donohue)

The prayer above is a reminder that the term is rapidly moving on, and change is a necessary part of any organisation following genuine reflection, discussion and discernment. I thank staff for their engagement in our Review process, and for the tremendous work in preparation for Subject Selection and a new Timetable for 2023. Following our Review period spanning the last nine months, there will be a number of changes to the 2023 Timetable.

Timetable:

The College moves to five, one-hour periods a day, with increased time in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. This will be a substantial change for students and staff as we move forward. The breaks during the day will change with the larger break around 11.00am and a smaller break about 1.30. We know there may be some teething issues as we adjust to the new times, but the intention is to ensure we are maximizing the best learning opportunities earlier in the day by reducing the final session to one period.

Assessment and Reporting:

The Assessment and Reporting processes have been reviewed, highlighting some areas for celebration and other areas for future improvement, especially in the areas of timely communications through the Parent Access Module (PAM) to all parents. One area of challenge for many students and staff is finding the right balance between the quantity or breadth of assessment tasks currently in the curriculum, and the depth of learning and skill development, especially in the Literacy and Numeracy areas. All Faculty Heads are working with their staff on evaluating the quality and value of the current tasks for each year level. We know that the junior school covers an incredible number of subjects, creating some elements of stress for students. It is also important that our Reporting is current and informative for parents. Where feasible and effective, we have reduced the number of subjects each

Semester in Years 7-9, and will rotate electives.

Wellbeing and Support:

Following our review of Behaviour Management and Learning, we know that the frequency of referrals to the Responsible Thinking Classroom (RTP) for students are not necessarily indicative of poorer outcomes. Some students, while not necessarily disruptive, are tending to avoid working to their full potential. There can be many reasons for this, including health/mental matters or wellbeing matters, or lack of motivation for other reasons. Our plan is to develop further intervention processes and supports for all students to identify and support early. Further details regarding some new intervention approaches and support will be detailed later this year.

Position of Leadership:

The forth review area focused on enhancing greater staff collaboration across the College through changes to the current middle leadership organisational structure. Four Hubs will replace the current, somewhat separated Faculty arrangement, with Maths and Science working together, English and Humanities in a second Hub, the Practical areas of Physical Education, the Arts and Technology together, and Applied Learning. Every area will focus on Literacy for whole-school improvement. Again, these are significant changes, and we may see some teething issues that will need reflection and perhaps some adjustment to suit the best interest of the students in our care.

New Senior Leadership Position

Further to this, together with Kildare Ministries, I am interviewing for a new Head of Staff Development. The successful candidate will work with individuals, small groups, and all teachers: to further improve classroom practice, the effective use of data to inform instruction, self-reflective practices and professional development for

teachers and other staff aligned to the College goals and needs.

Teacher Shortage and Changes for 2023

I am sure you have read about the teacher shortage across the country. I know this labour shortage is not isolated to education, but many industries are struggling to recruit staff at this time. We are recruiting at this time for the start of 2023, for teachers in the areas of English/Humanities (especially to support our Tutoring and Intervention processes) and Learning Support Officers. We understand that there are many parents who have great skills in dealing with teenagers, and who have a passion for seeing students improve and thrive in their learning. If you feel you have a love of learning, patience and can support teenagers to learn, I ask that you contact the college if you are interested in a Learning Support Officer role. Part or full time employment can be negotiated.

School Production (Opening Night Thursday 18th August - until Saturday 20th August)

This week we are pleased to present High School Musical! Please come along and celebrate the talent and efforts of our students as they present the College Production. Thanks goes to the talented staff who have supported the students throughout this process: Mr Bas Otto, Mrs Christine Bulger, and Mrs Barb Venn. It should be a wonderful night of entertainment for all. Tickets can be purchased through the Town Hall website or trybooking.com for either Thursday, Friday or Saturday night starting at 7.30 pm.

Take care,
Carmel

Marian College's

Production of

Disney

HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL

ON STAGE!

©Disney

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written
by Peter Barsocchini

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

18, 19, 20th August 2022

Ararat Town Hall

Tickets available at: www.ararattownhall.com.au

Concession \$10, Adults \$20, Family of 4 \$50

FRED HYDE DAY

incorporating

MARIAN'S GOT TALENT

Friday 19th August 2022



PLEASE BRING ALONG
MONEY TO SUPPORT OUR
KINDER IN BANGLADESH



GOLD COIN DONATION



MARIAN'S GOT TALENT



BBQ, FOOD &
DRINK STALLS



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

BARRON

NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Coming off of our lovely four-day weekend, this week is a big one. It is Wellbeing Week, culminating in Fred Hyde Day and Marian's Got Talent, and it is also Production Week. This means that staff do not have meetings this week and that students and staff are involved in much preparation for production and/or Fred Hyde Day, on top of regular classes, etc.

Today house groups met for assemblies, run by House Captains and House Leaders. On Tuesday Year 10 students are attending a Macbeth (Shakespeare) performance/incursion in support of our English curriculum and there is also a STEM Science and Engineering Challenge running that same day. There will be 2023 Year 7 students also on-site for an orientation day.

Students have been rehearsing for months for their performance of '**High School Musical**'. The hard work of students on stage and behind the scenes and the organisation by Mr Otto and supporting staff and parents has been immense. Students are rehearsing this week with a dress rehearsal (live audience!) on Wednesday. **Performances begin Thursday (18th) night and run until Saturday the 20th (one show each night). Please book your tickets via the Ararat Town Hall website or trybooking.com.** Please support our students and community by attending this event, it's sure to be a great show!

Fred Hyde Day is one of the most significant days on the Marian College calendar. **It is our main fundraising event to support our Kinder on Bhola Island in Bangladesh. Students can wear casual clothes for a gold coin donation (funds to Fred Hyde) and should bring some money for the activities held from P4 onwards (all funds go to Fred Hyde). Marian's Got Talent will run after lunch.** We always have such brave and talented students willing to give it a go, this year will be no different. Good luck to all participants, we'll be cheering and voting! Donations support Fred Hyde.

So much energy and enthusiasm goes into the events of the week. I'm so proud of our school community and all that our students are achieving. It is a week where compassion, justice, commitment, talent, and wonder are at the forefront. Enjoy the week :)

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



BLACK RANGES BASKETBALL



Our Senior and Intermediate basketball teams have traveled to Horsham over the past few weeks to compete in the Black Ranges competitions. The senior teams were up first and both the girl and the boys played some good basketball against strong oppositions.

The intermediate girls and boys both won all of their pool matches which saw them play in the finals. The girls came up against a strong St Brigid's who proved to be too good. The boys played Horsham in their final, who also proved to be too strong. There were a number of strong contributors across all of the teams. Well done to all students on representing Marian in such a positive way!

Michael Harricks
Head of Sport



SPORT AND RECREATION NEWS

Over the last few weeks the sport and recreation students have been completing a unit called 'participate in conditioning for sport.' This unit requires them to focus on specific training techniques to prepare for a specific activity or sport.

As a part of this, we completed a boxing conditioning activity at Felini Health & Fitness. This required a focus on strengthening the upper body and core, boosting endurance and speed work. In addition to this we will be completing a HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) class next week. It was great to see the students enjoying themselves, whilst learning about the benefits of exercise and how training can be applied to focus on different areas of the body and for different sports.

Thanks to Kelli for having us.

Thanks - Nick Lloyd
VET Sport and Recreation Teacher.



HUMANITIES



This term Year 8 students have been studying life in the Middle Ages in their humanities classes. As part of their studies, students have explored the numerous features of castles that served as both a sign of power and wealth and a defence for property.



Students were required to construct their castles following guidelines and then explain the purpose and operation of the various parts to the class. Many students cleverly utilised materials to produce functioning draw bridges and inner gates.

Michelle Hogan

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



August 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	16 STEM SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY #2	17	18 OPENING NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL	19 FRED HYDE DAY/ MARIAN'S GOT TALENT CASUAL DRESS GOLD COIN DONATION
 PRODUCTION WEEK				
22	23 YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY #3	24	25 SENIOR CHINESE EXCURSION MELBOURNE	26
29 BLACK RANGES YEAR 7 BASKETBALL	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2

September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6 BLACK RANGES YEAR 8 BASKETBALL	7 VCAA GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT)	8 YEAR 11 and 12 FORMAL	9