



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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From the Head of Wellbeing



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

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



Easter Break

Because we won't see you over Easter, we wish you and your family and friends a safe and happy time! May the Easter bunny be generous too!

VAPING

This is a worrying trend in schools across Australia and we need all students and parents to understand the following in relation to vaping:

- Having a vape in your possession is **ILLEGAL** if you are under 18
- Vapes carry grave health consequences for adolescents and adults. They are **NOT A HARMLESS** alternative to smoking.

Besides nicotine, e-cigarettes can contain harmful and potentially harmful ingredients, including:

- ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs.
- flavorants such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease.
- volatile organic compounds.
- heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead.

Vapes and vaping are **BANNED** at school and serious consequences will apply if students are caught with vapes at school.



PEER SUPPORT LUNCHEON

Our wonderful group of Year 11 Peer Support Leaders were invited to a luncheon to celebrate their impressive achievements with our Year 7s. We are thrilled to see the positive connections growing between our Year 11s and our Year 7s and how much enjoyment is being had by all. So much so, that we think we will extend the program beyond just the first Term. Well done to our Year 11s and our Year 7s for their positive leadership and participation in this important program!

Stations of the Cross - Friday 8th

Our Year 12s and our Year 12 teachers have been working hard all Term to prepare for the Stations of the Cross. This is an important tradition in our school and a rite of passage for our Year 12s. Their interpretation of the Stations has, in previous years, been entertaining, insightful and moving. We look forward to seeing how our current Year 12s make their special contribution memorable.

Athletics Day - Tuesday 5th.

Who will win Athletics Day this year? Who will have the most fun? Who will make the most memories? The answer to all three questions: those houses wherein students take part, do their best and who are present and mindful of the value of their contributions to their House community. We look forward to seeing everyone trying their best and having fun!

Early Dismissal Friday - 2.15 pm

A reminder that the school term ends on Friday at 2.15 pm.

Steph Saravanja
Hed of Wellbeing

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 will be typically cold and chilly! Therefore we require all students to commence Term 2 in full winter uniform (see pages 10 - 11)

Parents pay good money for the school uniform and we require all students to wear their full school uniform every day. This includes the correct school socks, shoes, jumpers, and coats. Students with long hair, male or female, must tie their hair back at school.

Please remember to label uniform items with your child's name!

Please, winter uniform does NOT include hoodies or non-uniform coats, beanies, scarfs, etc.

We would like to support families in this process and encourage anyone needing help to please contact the school.

Thanks for your support and understanding in this matter.

IN MY WORDS *with Lily Parsons*

Learning Leader

After two attempts my parents finally got it right! My name is Lily, I was born on the 26th of May 2004 in the Ararat Hospital, my parents John and Vicki Parsons were thrilled to announce the arrival of Lily Marie.

I was born into a very loving, funny, loud and kind hearted family. I have two older brothers, Jake and Ned, that took every opportunity to annoy me and beg me not to scream when they hurt me. Growing up in the Parsons family we were all very much outside kids, having motorbikes, paddock bombs, and many animals!

A couple of facts about me, I always use humour at the wrong time, my cat Bear is my best friend and therapist, my biggest fear is spiders, and I've always had a passion for horses and have been riding since I was 4.

I have 3 horses, 1 standardbred Polly, and 2 thoroughbreds Lotto and Rumber. Hopefully this year I will get to some shows with my two thoroughbreds as covid has been making it a bit difficult to get them out. My standardbred Polly is a bit more of my easy riding horse that I just take out for trail rides as she gets very stressed in crowded places. I found Polly at a rescue organisation two years ago.

I attended St Mary's Primary School in Ararat and made some great friends that I still have to



this day. One of my favourite memories in primary school was purposely getting myself into trouble so I then had to go sit in the Principal's office. The trade off was that I got to spend time with Emmitt, Mr Hogan's puppy he brought to school.

After primary school I made the scary transition to Marian College. High school has definitely never been easy for me as I have suffered with major anxiety and mental health issues. My advice for

any young readers of this would be to talk to family honestly and find a trusting adult at school who you can also rely on when times are tough. They know way more than you think. I have definitely had some obstacles along the way during high school, especially when my dad suffered a stroke in Jan 2019. This was a massive life changing event for my family as dad was in and out of hospital for a while and we had to sell our family home and move closer into town.

I learnt very young that the most important thing is your family, whoever that might be, and to never let someone make you feel less worthy of what you deserve. I have also learnt that mum never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Throughout all that I wouldn't have been able to make it through these years without some great friends to help me along that way, and to my school mum Mrs White/Smith.

I wish all the Year 12 students a great year and push through as our lives are just about to start.

Thanks Lily xx





Athletics Carnival



**Please note the Athletics Carnival is a compulsory school day
ALL students are required to attend!**

The Marian College Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 5th April, 2022. Parents are most welcome to come along and support our athletes at Alexandra Oval, Ararat but we will need to be have parents located separately to students.

Students have had an opportunity at school to select the events they wish to enter. It is expected that all students participate in at least one event. Where this is not possible (eg. injury), students will be given roles to assist officials in the running of the carnival. Students will remain at Alexandra Oval during the day and will not be permitted to leave the venue. The carnival is a fun, active and colourful day and we look forward to seeing students getting into the spirit of the day by participating and supporting their team.

What: Marian College House Athletics Carnival.

When: Tuesday 5th April, 2022

Where: Alexandra Oval, Ararat.

Wear: PE uniform or house colours.

Food: Kiosk food will be available or bring own lunch.

No take away food is to be delivered by parents please.

Time: Students are to travel directly to the venue by 8.50 am. The school day will commence at 8.50 am with rolls being marked at the oval.

Buses: **Stawell and Country buses will drop off and pick up at the oval.**

Students will be dismissed from Alexandra Oval at approximately 3.10 pm.

Bring: Hat, drink, sunscreen. Warm layers if the weather is cold.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 8th April 2022

The Stations of the Cross depicts the final hours (The Passion) of Jesus' life from his condemnation, to his crucifixion and death on the cross and finally his burial. These events are remembered and reflected upon over Lent and Holy Week before the celebration of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

Our school celebration of the Stations of the Cross follows a tradition that is thousands of years old and is an integral part of Marian's religious identity.

This year the Year 12 cohort will present this retelling to students at the college on the last day of Term 1 Friday April 8. To accommodate the large number of students and to ensure that it remains a solemn occasion we will run sessions for each Year Level.

Due to the nature of the event and to COVID restrictions Marian College is unable to invite members of the public to our Stations of the Cross celebration. We hope to be able to provide a video link to families if possible.



KEELLY



NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Well here we are, the last week of term with 4 days to go. How fortunate we have been to get through a whole term without any lockdowns. I don't know about you but I'm exhausted. It certainly has been a long and busy term.

Tomorrow we have our Annual Athletics Carnival. Hopefully we can be blessed with some good weather. Remember it is a compulsory school day and all students are expected to be present. All bus travellers will be dropped off at the oval in the morning and collected at the end of the school day. The school canteen will be in full operation through-out the day. Can I please ask parents that we support our canteen and avoid bringing other take-away food to the venue. Students must not leave Alexandra Oval during the day. Last year Kelly House was victorious. Hopefully we can be crowned the 2022 winners. This will only happen if we are prepared to participate in all events and give it our BEST.

On Friday our Year 12 students will perform their version of Stations of the Cross. All Year levels will get the opportunity to watch their performance. Please make sure you are respectful during the Year 12s performance of the Stations.

As we come close to the end of term let's reflect. We have held two camps (Year 7 & 8) and Year 12 Retreat, the swimming sports along with numerous sporting events and excursions. One might say we are getting back to normality. I'm sure all students are keen to have a well earned rest.

Don't forget that it is Anzac Day on the first Monday of Term 2, therefore the term won't be starting until the 26th of April (Tuesday).

Wishing you all a very safe Easter.

Take care.

Donna



LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR - DISTRICT FINAL (2022)



Congratulations to Jayde McMurtrie who competed in the Lions Youth of the Year District Final on Saturday 26th March in Casterton. This was the third level of competition for Jayde.

Jayde not only represented Marian College and the Ararat Lions Club, but also all the Lions Clubs from the Western Region. This level of competition covered much of the west of the state and as such, Jayde competed against students representing Lions Clubs from the western suburbs of Melbourne, Kaniva, Warrnambool and Casterton with the winner progressing to the State Final.

What has impressed me most about Jayde during this competition has been his willingness to accept challenges (including being interviewed by a panel of six adults), and his courage to share his opinions and interests with a room full of adults he has never met, all with great authenticity and poise.

While Jayde was not successful in winning on this occasion, he has impressed many people on his Lions Youth of the Year journey and the skills he has gained will stand him in good stead in the future.

Many thanks to Jo Richie and the members of the Ararat Lions Club who have been so supportive of Marian students at every stage of this competition.

The first round for the 2023 competition will be held in October/November and I will be seeking interested students from Years 10 and 11. The competition seeks to develop students' interpersonal and leadership skills, which benefits them greatly in their senior years of schooling and well into their post-school lives. It is a highly valued addition to any young person's curriculum vitae.

Stephanie Mansell
Head of English and Languages

Winter Uniform

Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3)

- Marian College skirt or approved navy slacks
- Pale blue short or long sleeved business shirt with Marian College logo
- V neck woollen jumper with Marian College logo
- Marian College tie (optional)
- Marian College grey school socks with blue stripes or navy tights (worn with skirt)



**Winter slacks
and jumper
(tie is optional)**



**Winter skirt
and jumper**

Optional Uniform items

- Rain jacket with Marian College logo
- Beanie with Marian College logo
- Scarf with Marian College logo



Beanie



Scarf



Rain jacket

Winter Uniform

Sports Uniform

- Marian College Rugby Top with Marian College logo.
- 2019 Marian College sports top
- Approved navy blue shorts with Marian College logo
- Approved navy blue track pants with Marian College logo
- Marian College grey school socks with blue stripes.
- Athletics shoes.



Sports Polo



Sports Rugby Top



Socks



Track pants

Marian College introduced a new uniform in 2019. Current Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students are required to wear the new uniform. Higher levels are welcome to wear this uniform too, noting that students are not permitted to mix items of the former uniform with new uniform.

Uniform Supplier

Foster's Mensland in Ararat and Stawell are the sole suppliers of the Marian College Ararat uniform.

PRODUCTION NEWS

2022 Production Announcement:

I am excited to announce that this year's production is the ever so famous and popular Disney's High School Musical! Movie written by Peter Barsocchini and adapted for the stage by Bryan Louiselle and David Simpatico.

A classic story of high school students pursuing what they love and going against the "status quo" Troy Bolton, captain and face of the East High Wildcats basketball team, along with Gabriella Montez, top contender of the Brainiacs, shocks their respective groups when they audition for the high school musical lead by Ms. Darbus. Facing resentment from their fellow clubmates, torn between priorities, and singing their hearts out, Troy and Gabriella's passion for performing may pave the way for others to shine as well.

With catchy choruses and tear-jerking ballads, High School Musical is a relatable, fun, and incredibly entertaining show for all those involved in the show. All are welcomed to be a part of the ensemble and stage crew, both beginners and experienced performers alike.

Cast/Roles:

Troy Bolton: The most popular kid at East High, he is the star of the basketball team who yearns to be more than what people want him to be. Troy discovers his love for music but refuses to admit it. Athletic, attractive, and a true leader. He becomes smitten with Gabriella. Gender: Male | Age: 14 to 18 | Vocal range B3 to B5

Gabriella Montez: The new girl in school. She is trying to blend in and avoid 'labels' at her new school. Eventually becomes Troy's romantic counterpart. Pretty, shy, and smart. Gender: Female | Age 14 to 18 | Vocal range F3 to E5

Chad Danforth: Troy's best friend. A star basketball player, part of the jocks, and second in command. Extremely focused on winning his school's basketball championship, but is slowly understanding that there might be more to this world, including his sparring crush on Taylor. Gender; Male | Age 14 to 18 | Vocal range A3 to B5

Taylor McKessie: The competitive head Brainiac of the school and President of the Science Club. She convinces Gabriella to join the Science Decathlon team. Taylor has a hidden soft spot for Chad, which she hides. Gender: Female | Age: 14 to 18 | Vocal range G3 to C5

Sharpay Evans: The egocentric diva star of the school musicals, she is Ryan's older twin and the alpha dog. She thinks being the musical star defines her and clutches the title like her life depends on it, no matter what the cost to others. Gender: Female | Age 14 to 18 | Vocal range A3 to F5

Ryan Evans: Sharpay's fraternal twin and a self-delusional 'star in the making.' He typically feels the brunt of Sharpay's attacks and lives under her shadow. Although he possesses a diva exterior, he yearns to change. Gender: Male | Age: 14 to 18 | Vocal range B3 to B5

PRODUCTION NEWS

Along with all other beloved characters such as:

Coach Bolton, Ms. Darbus, Zeke Baylor, Jack Scott, Kelsi Nielsen.

Ensemble:

Jocks, Thespians, Skaters, Cheerleaders, Party Kids, Adults, Brainiacs, Spectators.

PRODUCTION DATES: August 18, 19 & 20 2022 at Ararat Town Hall.

Audition Material has been shared on the “High School Musical” Google Classroom (code: 2aucypu).

Auditions held on Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th, and Friday 8th of April. However, it is never too late to audition for a role or to join as part of the crew!

Rehearsals will be Monday and Wednesday evenings from 3:30 - 5:30pm starting Term 2.

Go Wildcats!

Bas Otto
Director



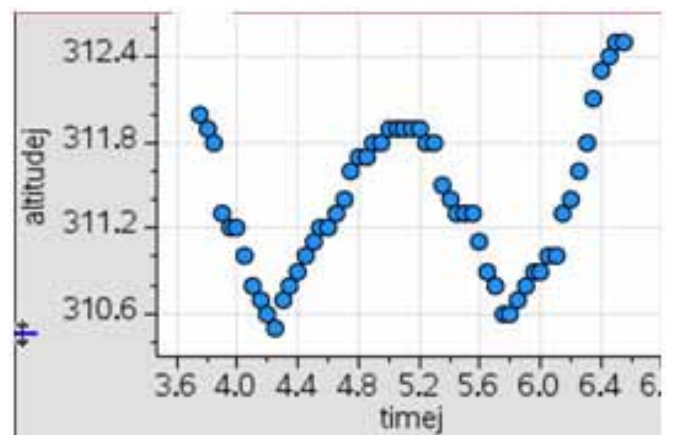
Maths / Physics Trip

The hardest part of studying subjects like Maths and Physics is that the learning outcomes are not as intuitive as most VCE subjects. On Friday the Year 11 Methods and Physics classes participated in an activity day of trampolining and car racing so that they have a common experience that I can use to explain a range of concepts in the curriculum.

If Big Bang Theory taught us nothing else, it explained the difference between the theoretical and the practical. The Maths and Physics of a skill is only one component of performing the task and not necessarily an explicit requirement. Experience, practice and a lack of understanding of why bones break can usually substitute for learning Newton's Laws. VCE is theoretical. Learning is always easier and more memorable when you are having fun so we combined the two.

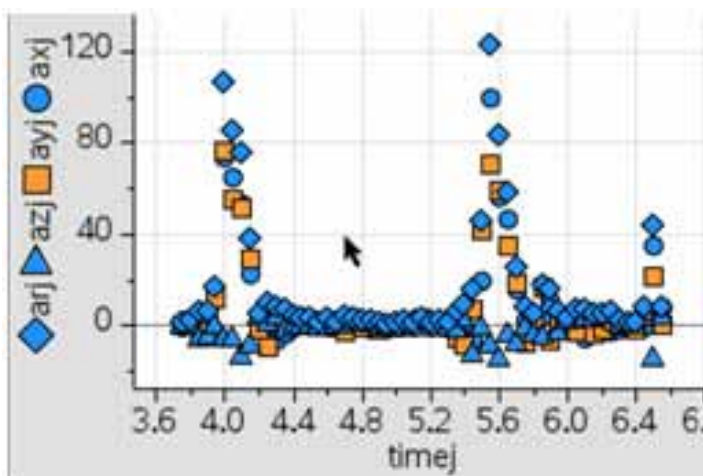
We visited Xtreme bounce where we experimented with the accelerometer. One of the graphs below is showing the acceleration of a student bouncing between 2 platforms. The concept of when acceleration is zero, decreasing and negative is usually answered poorly in Physics, likewise gradient graph questions in Methods.

We then travelled across to Ballarat GoKarts where we got a bit more competitive. The GoKart experiences will lead to a range of discussions from forces and circular motion in Physics. Rates of Change in Methods and Vectors, Forces and Kinematics for Specialist Maths.



Overall, not a bad way to earn a living. Hanging out with an awesome group of students. Thank you to each member of the group for making it a great day out.

John Coghlan
Head of Mathetics





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WED 6 APRIL, 12PM - 5PM

BUDJA BUDJA MOBILE CLINIC,
CATO PARK, STAWELL

THU 7 APRIL, 12PM - 5PM

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appointments call**

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Moyston Easter Market

9-2pm Easter Saturday
April 16, 2022

At the Moyston Oval
Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Moyston

- Longest Football Kicking Comp for men, women & kids - starts 11.30am
- Live Music by Ararat Duo SOFT
- Raffle - WIN a tandem trailer of wood
- Market Stalls: arts & crafts by local artists, homemade goodies, pre-loved treasures looking for new homes and more!
- Devonshire Tea & Gourmet BBQ
- Vintage Car Display
- Easter Egg Trail



Ararat Rural City



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April 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	6 LEGACY ANZAC SHRINE EXCURSION	7	8 STATIONS OF THE CROSS END OF TERM 1 EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15 pm
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Monday 11th to Friday 22nd April				
25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 2	27 TOP ARTS NGV EXCURSION	28 STATE SWIMMING	29 INTERMEDIATE/ SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL
OUTDOOR ED CAMP				

May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY	3	4	5	6 BLACK RANGES ATHLETICS
YEAR 9 CAMP				
9 BLACK RANGES CROSS COUNTRY	10 TOP DESIGNS EXCURSION	11	12	13 VICTORIAN CAREERS SHOW
Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN 10th - 20th May				